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The Continuous Rod Mill of the Trenton Iron Company.*

BY WILLIAM HEWITT.

This mill was designed by Mr. Charles Hewitt (my father), since deceased, and

wabblers and coupling boxes, the peculiar feature of the system being that the rod, as it issues from each pass in the latter rolls, is turned by hand and entered in the next succeeding pass, so that it is operated upon in several passes at the same moment, as in a continuous mill. Very long rods can be

rolls are coupled direct to a high speed Corliss engine, and the train is driven from the fly-wheel through a double leather belt 26 inches in width, made by J. B. Hoyt & Co.

The mill embraces also two heating furnaces, with a peculiar arrangement of boilers

sary amount of steam, and the surplus goes to other parts of the works, the boilers throughout communicating, so that these should hardly be included as a necessary part of the plant. At the same time, the furnace boilers alone are scarcely adequate, as the furnaces are damped

30 pounds. At one time, in attempting to roll steel at the latter pressure, the engine was stalled. The mill, however, will roll iron, if well heated, with a steam pressure of 35 pounds.

The furnaces are of the ordinary kind, fired with bituminous coal, and consume

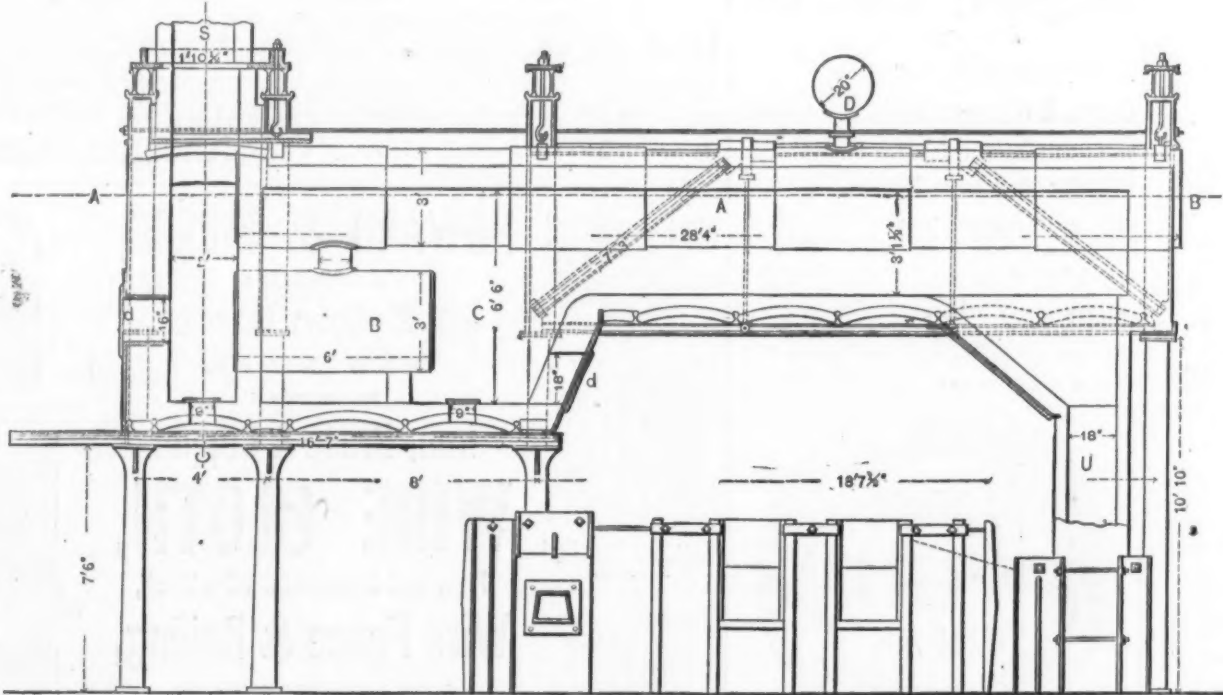


Fig. 1.—Elevation of Furnace and Boiler.

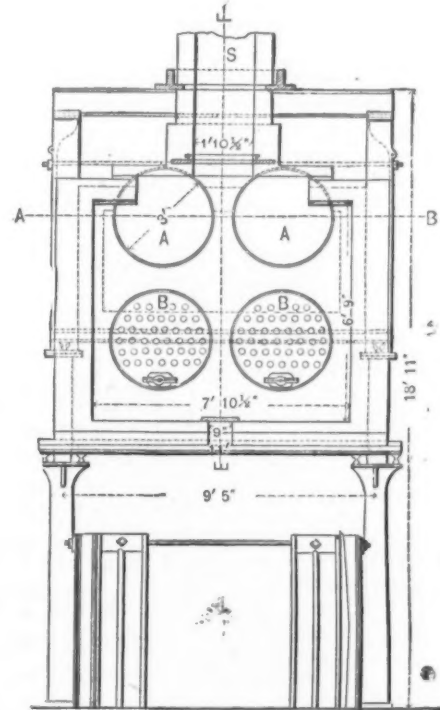


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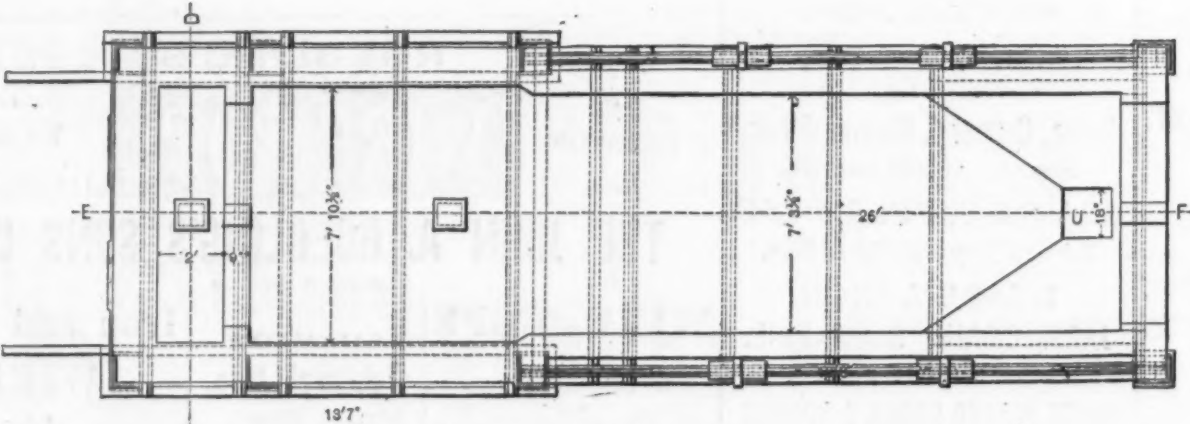


Fig. 3.—Plan of Furnace and Boiler.

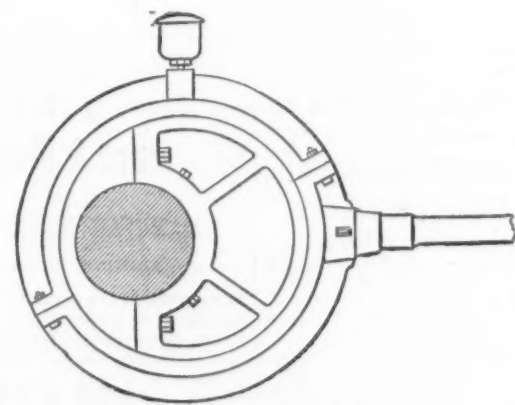


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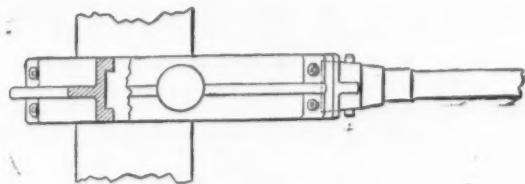


Fig. 7.—Eccentric Strap.

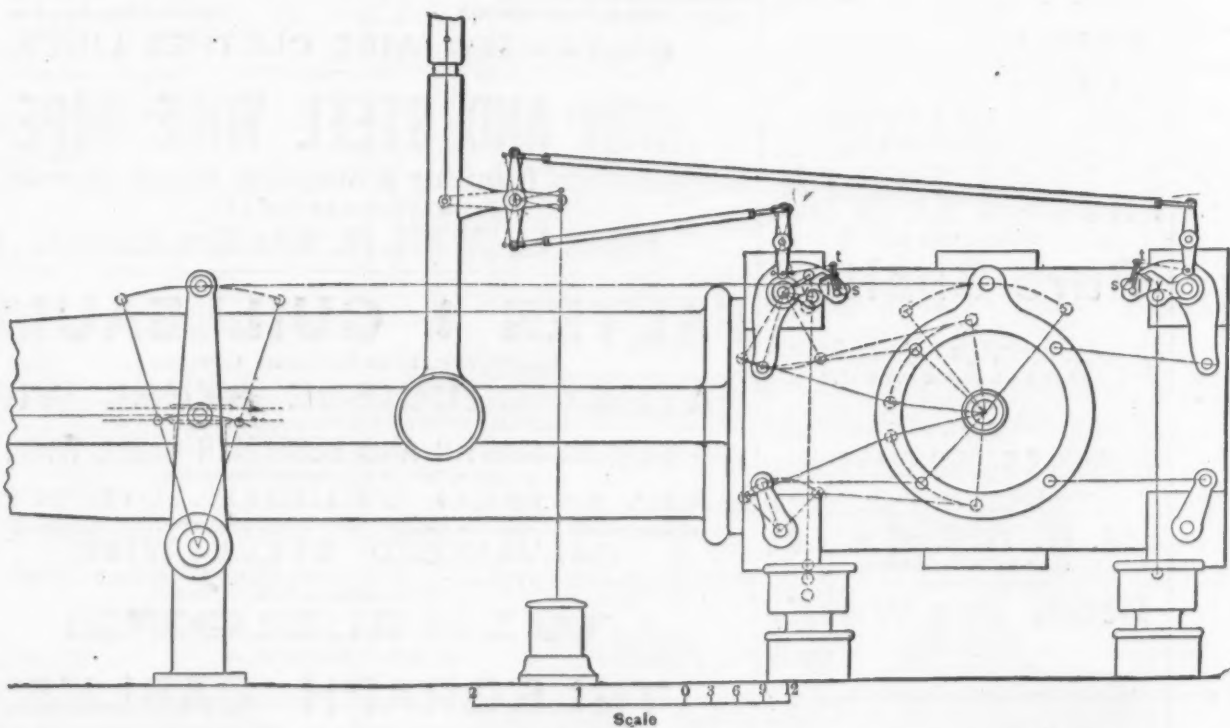


Fig. 4.—Elevation of Corliss Mill Engine.

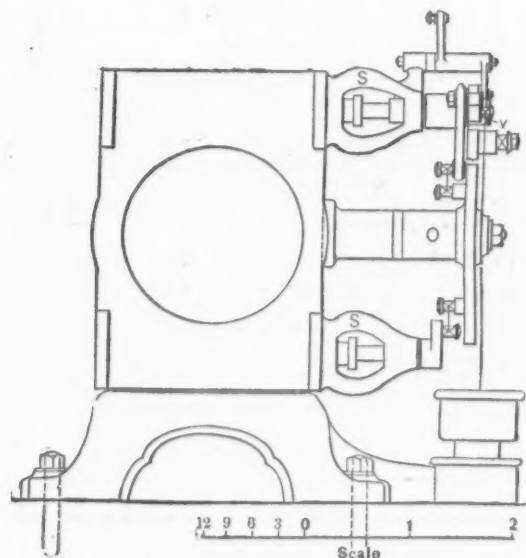


Fig. 5.—End Elevation.

THE CONTINUOUS ROD MILL OF THE TRENTON IRON COMPANY.

operates on what is known as the Belgian system—that is, the billet is first roughed in a set of breaking-down rolls, and from them conducted through a series of passes in a train of smaller rolls, driven at a higher speed, and connected in the ordinary way by

*A paper read at the Hartford meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

rolled in this way, weighing from 80 to over 100 pounds.

But the mill owes its peculiar interest not so much to the system of handling the material, as it does to the manner in which it is driven and the simplicity of its mechanism. With the exception of the roll pinions it contains no gearing. The breaking-down

attached to them, on which the company own a patent, a fan for supplying the blast driven by a small independent engine, a pump and a feed-water heater. Connected with the mill also are two 60-horse-power Babcock & Wilcox tubular boilers; but these, with the furnace boilers, are more than sufficient to supply the needs

at each fresh charge of billets, which affects considerably their steaming capacity. If the furnaces were fired for steam only, the boilers over them would probably do the work, and, indeed, the mill has been run with them on several occasions, independently of other boilers, but the steam pressure dropped gradually from 75 to about

about half a ton (2000 pounds) to the ton (2240 pounds) of rods. The boilers consist simply of plain cylinders, A A (see Figs. 1, 2 and 3) two in number, over each furnace, 20 feet in length and 3 feet in diameter, with short drop cylinders, B B, of the same diameter, suspended from the ends adjoining the stack, 6 feet in length and filled each with

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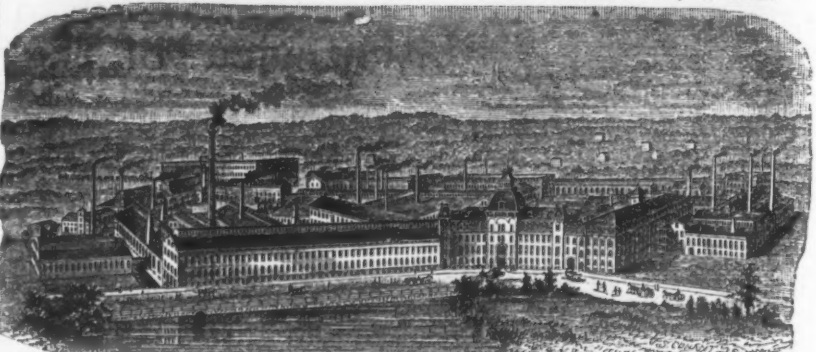
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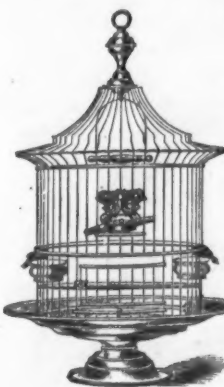
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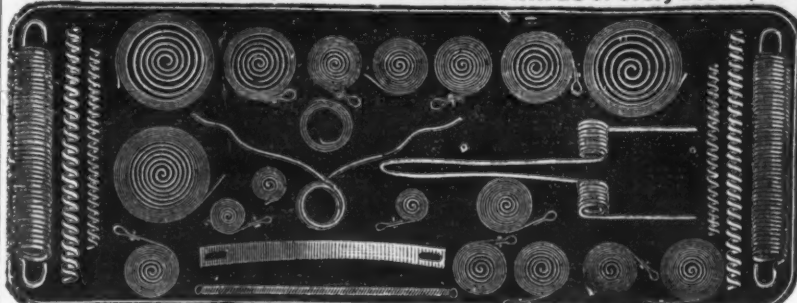
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56 3-inch tubes. The flame from the furnace, conducted by the uptake U, strikes the ends of the plain cylinders A A furthest from the stack, passes along under them about three-fourths of their length, then drops into a chamber, C, which acts as a kind of combustion chamber, passes through the tubes of the drops B B, and thence up the stack. These boilers, judging from the quantity of water they take, generate about 30 per cent. more steam than plain cylinders

The most interesting feature of the mill, perhaps, is the engine, which was built expressly for the purpose by the Corliss Steam Engine Company, of Providence, R. I. The diameter of the cylinder is 20 inches; length of stroke, 42 inches, and number of revolutions 160, giving a piston speed of over 1100 feet per minute. It operates on the general principle familiar to all, but the mechanism is modified somewhat to accord with its speed and to insure a more

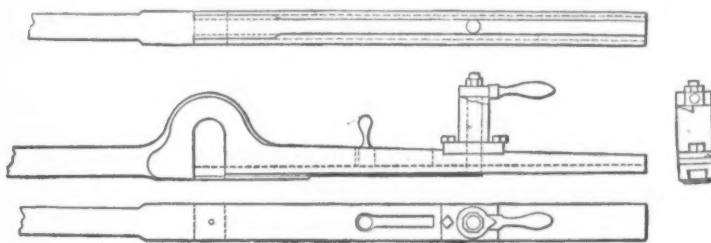


Fig. 8.—Eccentric Rod Latch.

alone would generate similarly placed. The heat from the furnaces is so well utilized that a man can put his hand in through the doors d d, just behind the drops at the foot of the stack, without much inconvenience, while the furnace is in operation. No flame ever issues from the top of the stack, and the damper E is placed at the foot just above the boilers. Each pair of boilers joins into one steam drum, D, and doors, d d, directly in front and behind the drops are provided, so that the tubes can be readily cleaned, which is done every Saturday.

prompt action of the valves, all the parts fitting loosely and yet being rigidly secured. Small sensitive springs, s s (see Fig. 4), operate the latches l l, lifting the valves v v, which are thrown out at the proper moment by trips, t t, actuated from the governor, and the dash pots are so arranged as to allow of a more rapid escape of the air from underneath the plungers at the moment of cutting off, being pierced with several small holes, that are plugged up one at a time as the plungers wear, so that the latter may not drop too quickly.

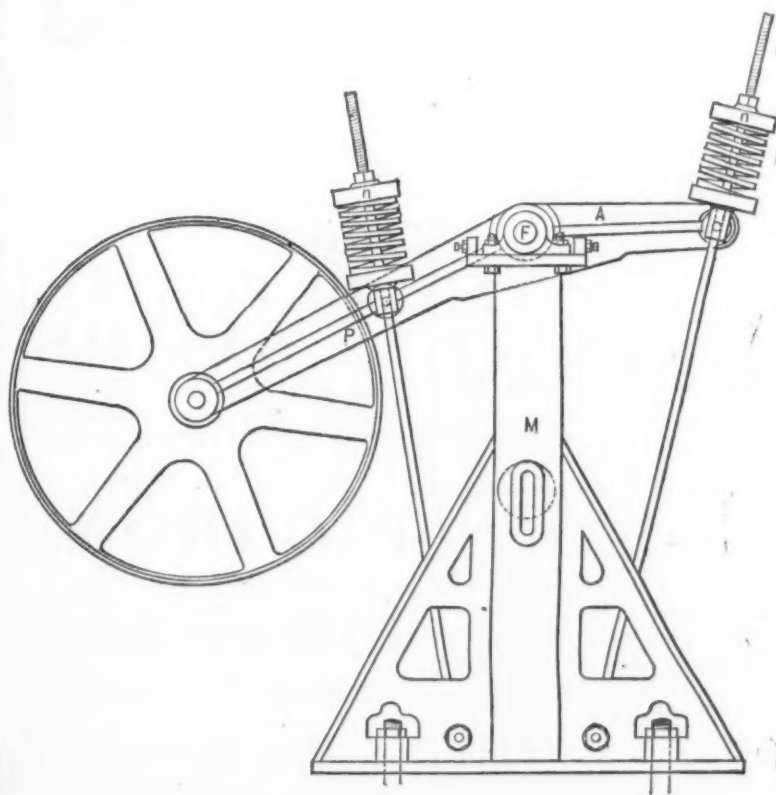


Fig. 9.—Side Elevation of Tightener.

A No. 4 Niagara pump, in connection with the feed-water heater, supplies the water both for the furnace and Babcock boilers. The heater consists simply of a large rectangular cast-iron box, containing about 430 feet of 1 1/4-inch wrought-iron pipes, the water passing through the pipes and the exhaust steam from the engine around them, feeding the water to the boilers at a temperature averaging from 185 to 200 degrees. In the previous heaters used at the works

The exhaust port is 8 inches in diameter, expanding into a 12-inch pipe. The latter originally was only 8 inches in diameter, but the pack pressure choked the engine too much, and it was subsequently changed. The connecting rod braces are provided with a peculiar arrangement of set-screws that prevents them from clamping the pins too tightly, and, at the same time, allows them to be rigidly keyed to the rod. The connection with the cross-head is lubricated

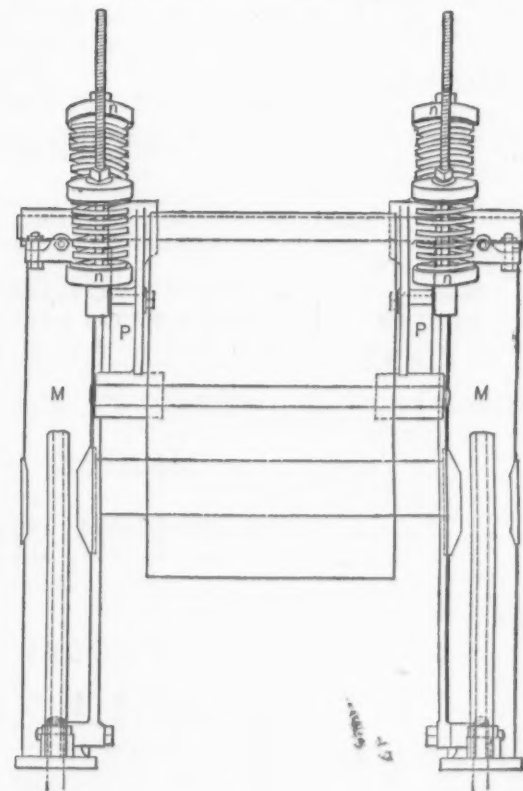


Fig. 10.—End Elevation of Tightener.

the steam passed through and the water around the pipes, but for some reason which I am not quite able to explain, this disposition of the materials caused the pipes to corrode quite rapidly, becoming completely honeycombed in the course of a few months, so that they had to be frequently renewed. With the present heater, however, the first renewal has yet to be made, and the pipes are still in fair condition.

with oil by a hole in the center of the wrist-pin, communicating with a number of small radial holes opposite the connecting-rod bearing. The crank pin, however, requires the best white tallow. Ordinary lubricating oil is too thin, and would be thrown out in all directions. The cup holding the tallow contains a small loose copper rod, that plays up and down against the pin and the cap of the cup, for the purpose of working it

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tallow down, and also serving as a conductor of heat to melt it more freely as the parts become warm. This copper rod is quite essential to the ease of the crank-pin, and performs its functions so well that the pin never becomes overheated, but keeps just moderately warm all the time. I regret that the haste with which this paper was prepared has not allowed me to present a detailed illustration of these devices.

The crank is of the disk-wheel pattern, carefully balanced, and the shaft is 8 inches in diameter. The fly-wheel is 11 one piece, 10 feet in diameter, and weighs something over 16,000 pounds. It has wrought-iron bands shrunk upon each side of the hub. The small pulley driving the train is 5 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighs a little over 4000 pounds. The faces of the wheels are 28 inches wide, and the distance between their centers 16 feet. The center of the small pulley is a little below that of the fly-wheel, on account of the train being lower than the breaking-down rolls, in order that its driving shaft, S, may pass under the floor behind the latter rolls, and thus give a clear space for the iron to play upon.

Since the mill was started, several improvements have been added to the original design of the engine, but not in any way affecting the principle of the valve motion. The eccentric rod, as first arranged, frequently shook loose from the valve gear, notwithstanding the latch provided for securing it; and several devices were tried without successfully meeting the difficulty, until the present latch (see Fig. 8) was applied, which was designed by James Withington, the foreman of the Trenton Iron Co.'s works.

The original eccentric threw the oil out, so that it was impossible to keep it cool. This difficulty was overcome by altering the strap (see Figs. 6 and 7) so as to confine the eccentric and make it impossible for the oil to escape.

The valve supports s s (see Fig. 5) broke, and the support o for the wrist-plate gradually worked loose, the former being replaced with heavier castings, and the latter stayed at the end just outside the plate by a small standard.

The first tightener consisted simply of a lever, with the fulcrum at one end resting between two upright cast-iron columns and the pulley at the other supported by the belt, the lever cushioning upward against two nests of car springs, inclosed in cups, secured to the main standard by rods. The fluctuations of the belt were such, however, as to cause the pulley to thump seriously against it, so that it had to be continually taken up. In the present tightener (see Figs. 9 and 10) the lever is provided with arms, A, extending from the opposite side of the fulcrum F, and also cushioning against nests of car springs, N N, like those on the pulley arms P P, and similarly attached to the main standards, M M. These relieve the belt from the sudden shocks to which it was before susceptible, and at the same time allow to some extent for its fluctuations. The arrangement works so nicely, indeed, that the motion of the arms is almost imperceptible.

Since these alterations were made the engine has given no trouble whatever, and the repairs on account of wear and tear have been comparatively trifling. The valves now need reboring for the first time, but the cylinder is still in good condition, and smooth as a mirror. The belt has required no taking up since the present tightener was applied, has stretched but very little, and shows no signs of giving out. It has never slipped but once, and that was owing to the carelessness of the engineer, who dropped some grease on it. The little springs S S (see Fig. 4), operating the cut-off latches, give out frequently, but several of these are always kept on hand, and the arrangement is such that they can be replaced at a moment's notice.

The pinions, both on the breaking-down rolls and on the train, are of the V-toothed pattern, made by A. Garrison & Co., of Pittsburgh. The original set on the former is still in use, but that on the train was replaced by a new set in December last, the teeth being worn so thin that it was unsafe to use them longer.

The roll-neck bearings are made of phosphor-bronze from Geo. K. Tryon, Son & Co., of Philadelphia, and some of the original castings are still in use. Three months was formerly considered a fair life for roll-neck brasses.

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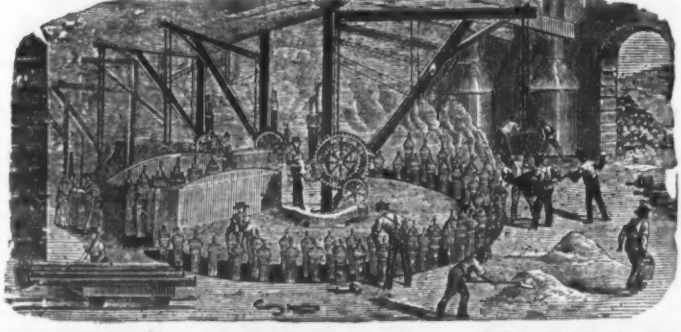
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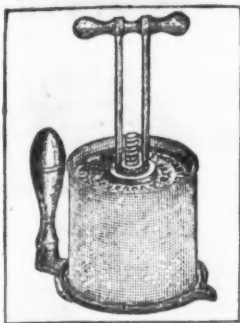
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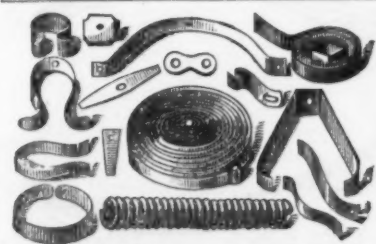
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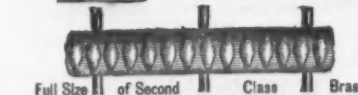
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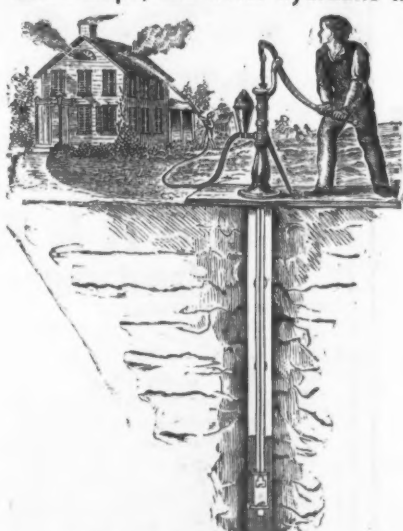
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Mr. H. F. J. Porter next read a paper on
THE BINARY ABSORPTION SYSTEM OF ICE
MACHINERY.

All systems of ice machinery of the
present day are based upon the principle of
volatilization and subsequent condensation
of a liquid, or the converse of a gas. The
requirements of the case are such as to greatly
restrict us in our choice of liquids, &c.

1. It must be volatile at low temperatures
and at pressures not much below the atmos-
phere, otherwise we could not obtain the
necessary degree of cold and have difficul-
ties with our pumps.

2. It should not reach high pressures,
even at considerable temperatures, as in the
tropics, for leakage would be excessive.

3. It must be stable in composition, even
after repeated evaporations and condensa-
tions. Some liquids which have been used
for the purpose undergo chemical changes
to such an extent as to require high pres-
sures for their condensation after short use.

4. It must have no action on lubricating
substances.

5. It must have no action on the metals
used in machinery.

6. Be unflammable and non-explosive.
The machinery should be simple, the plant
small and economical of power, and conse-
quently of fuel. The cost of production of
ice or of cold must be small.

Here the speaker reviewed some of the
leading systems that have been used.

Compressed air machines have given less
satisfaction than any others. The low con-
ducting power of air requires large vessels
for absorbing its heat. The moisture in the
air is frozen and clogs the valves and pipes.
Drying of the air is impracticable, and we
find glycerine the only available lubricant.

Ammonia machines use either liquid am-
monia or liquefied ammonia gas, Carré using
the former and Tellier the latter. Gaseous
ammonia needs a pressure of 180 to 250
pounds to reduce it to a liquid at 75° or 80°
F., and, while it gives very low tempera-
tures, the joints are kept tight with diffi-
culty. Grease cannot be used in lubrication,
as it is at once saponified, while the gas
attacks copper and cast iron (owing to
pressure).

Other machines have a fluid with an un-
usually low tension, only 3 or 4 pounds per
square inch at 27° F. The pump, however,
must work under very nearly a vacuum,
consequently the entrance of air at the
stuffing boxes can scarcely be prevented.
The ether, therefore, becomes oxidized in
consequence, and the working of the ma-
chine is impaired. The product is not stable,
and soon decomposes into isomeric com-
pounds which are less volatile. No grease
can be used in lubrication. Leaks are
dangerous, as the vapor is highly inflamma-
ble. The pressures rarely exceed 100 pounds
per square inch.

Machines using petroleum derivatives such
as chymogene, rhigoline, gasoline, &c., have
the disadvantages of low tension, inconstant
product and high inflammability.

Anhydrous sulphurous dioxide.—This
substance is liquid at 14° F., and has a
pressure of from 45 to 55 pounds per square
inch at a temperature of 60° or 65° F. It
has no effect on grease, and is itself a lubri-
cator, and has no effect on metals. This
system of ice machinery is the invention of
Raoul Pictet, of Geneva. The substance is
stable and not inflammable. It must be
anhydrous, as water at once transforms it
into sulphuric acid. Minute holes in castings
admitting moisture and producing corrosion
gradually increase until, under the internal
pressure, the gas escapes. This is a common
occurrence.

The question then comes up: Can we not
combine the low pressures of one liquid with
the greater cooling powers of others, and at
the same time avoid some of the great diffi-
culties which the single liquids present?

Mr. Tessie Du Motay and Mr. Auguste I.
Rossi, of New York, have been experiment-
ing with the ethers and their alcoholic radi-
cals, and find that they possess an absorbing
power for gaseous sulphurous anhydride,
amounting in some cases to 300 times their
own volume of the gas. They have obtained
a liquid which had no pressure at 60° F.,
and some which had none at 90° F. These
liquids were non-inflammable. The liquid
chosen is ordinary ether saturated with 50
per cent. of sulphurous dioxide. With this
binary liquid intense cold is produced—
greater, indeed, than theory calls for.

The machine used is not unlike the well-
known type of ether machine, save that
there are a few modifications of detail.
Almost any machine may be adapted to the
use of the binary fluid. Ammonia machines,
however, would have too small gas pumps,
although the steam power would be too
large. Sulphurous dioxide and some other
machines would need gas pumps of double
size, while the steam power would be ample.

For the mechanical work of compression
necessary to liquefy the dioxide in the binary
liquid, is substituted the power of affinity
and the absorption of the liquid ether for
gaseous sulphuric dioxide. In the binary
liquid gas pumps no grease is used, and the
pressures when running range from 10 to 15
pounds; at rest the pressure is from 0 to 2
pounds. Water sets up actions which result
in the production of sulpho-vinic acid, which
is very weak.

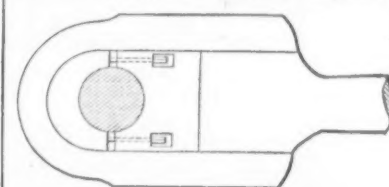
In conclusion, the author gave some inter-
esting facts in regard to the practical work-
ing of the machinery, the freezing of water
and the use of boiled or filtered water for
the purpose of making ice. A table was
also given showing a curve of congelation,
and the thickness of ice formed every hour
for 24 hours. The writer concluded with a
short statement of the immense importance
of ice machinery in all parts of the world,
and for various purposes. The cost of making
ice in a machine capable of making 3 tons
per day is about \$3.33 per ton, which is re-
duced to 92 cents in a 25-ton machine and
80 cents in a 50-ton machine. These figures
are made upon the basis of coal at \$4 per
ton. At this figure the cost of fuel is half

of the working expenses in the larger ma-
chines.

The next paper was by Mr. Johnson, on
THE WESTERN STEAMBOAT CAM.

To the steam engineer this was a paper of
considerable interest, but, as all the draw-
ings were not ready upon the board, it was
hardly intelligible. Cams are very generally,
if not universally, used in the West for
steamboat valve gear instead of eccentrics.
They open fast, hold the valve open, to the
last moment and then shut quickly. They
are made of cast iron, and are usually
finished by the file or by chipping. The art
of laying out of these cams, which is very
instructive, was described at some length,
showing the steps necessary for full-stroke
and cut-off cams. They are put into frames
or yokes, by which they drive the valve rods.
The cut-off effected by them are not uni-
form in both strokes, and, owing to a variety
of circumstances, the point of cutting off is
less than that at which they are laid off.
The paper closed with some account of the
details of construction and their applica-
tions.

Mr. Hewitt read a paper on "The Con-
tinuous Rod Mill of the Trenton Iron Com-
pany," which we print in full elsewhere.
The accompanying additional diagram is



from a hasty sketch made upon the black-
board, and shows the crank-pin brasses
and the arrangement for holding these firmly
just in their proper positions, without allow-
ing them to bind when set up solidly.

The details described were of great in-
terest, as showing the alterations needed to
enable the Corliss engine to be driven at a
very high piston speed.

Mr. Sterling said that he had never seen a
Corliss engine running as fast as 160 turns,
and was glad to hear that it could be done.

An interesting discussion took place in
regard to high-speed engines and the per-
formance of this one. In answer to ques-
tions it was stated that there was a little
jar at first, but none can be perceived at
present. Little difference can be seen,
whether the engine is working fast or slow
or just starting.

Prof. Thurston said that he had calculated
the speeds at which engines of ordinary pro-
portions of parts can be driven to run most
smoothly, and had found that many of the
ordinary engines had reciprocating parts of
such weight as to work smoothly at rates of
speed higher than those usually adopted by
Mr. Porter, and he asked if the Porter-Allen
engine is to be driven at these increased
speeds whether the reciprocating parts will
not be made much lighter. Mr. Richards
answered that as these engines were built
for higher speeds the parts were made light.
At Johnstown the piston had not been light-
ened, the difference in the weight between
the old and new piston being merely that
due to the putting in of rings. Mr. Whee-
lock thought that in adopting high-speed
engines we were going a step backward.

Several gentlemen spoke of the great advan-
tages of high-speed engines, and Mr. Rich-
ards said that he could run to 600 revolutions
per minute. Mr. Leavitt excepted pumping
engines, when by the necessities of the case
the speed was limited. He then referred to
a pair of Lawrence mill engines, 28 x 48
inches, which were working 106 revolutions
per minute, working with 13 pounds back
pressure. Mr. Headley, in response to a
question, said that there was a pair of
Buckeye engines on probation as auxiliary to
4 turbine water wheels. They are on the
jack-shaft of the wheels, and in case of low
water keep up the speed of the mill, some-
times developing 1000 horse-power, while at
others they simply pass steam from the
boilers to the dye-house through them. If
it did not go through the engine it would go
to the dye-house direct. They are using 45
pounds of steam per horse-power, with 15
pounds back pressure. There were many
difficulties in the way of putting these
engines in. The mill could not be stopped
for experiment, so when they were ready
they were speeded too high and then hitched
on and run for a day. The present speed
was obtained by gradually reducing the rate
from day to day experimentally. He esti-
mated that they cost about a ton of coal per
day for 1000 horse-power. Performance
had to be disregarded, regularity and
efficiency being the important points. The
water-wheels are liable to be clogged with
leaves, a bushel being frequently taken from
a single wheel. When the power of the
wheels is diminished from this or any other
cause, the engines must pick up the load
and bring up the speed.

[Note.—Mr. Headley says, in a letter to
the editor of the *Mechanical Engineer* con-
cerning these engines, that the normal
speed of the jack-shaft was 105, but its
actual speed varied considerably, as usual.
The speed with the engines coupled on is
said to be 106. There is a centrifugal coun-
ter attached, which shows 105 to 106—about
one revolution per minute below the actual,
not being perfectly adjusted. The clock
speed counter is in place, but not yet con-
nected. Steam pressure varies within pretty
wide limits, from 50 pounds or a little less
up to 70 pounds, above the atmosphere, at
which pressure the safety-valves are set.
Back pressure also varies a good deal,
between 8 and 13 pounds above the atmos-
phere. The 26 boilers at this main mill—all
externally-fired return-tubular boilers, 60
inches, with 65 20-foot flues, 3 1/2 inches out-
side diameter, grates 5 feet by 5 feet 2
inches—are all connected with the same
steam-pipe. When producing 1000 horse-
power, with 68 pounds boiler pressure and
12 pounds back pressure, the two engines
transmit to the dye-house and print-works
about two-thirds of the full supply of steam,
the rest being drawn directly from the
boilers. The engines were intended for 800
horse-power, with 70 pounds steam and 8
pounds back pressure, cutting off at about
one-third of stroke. When running at 1000
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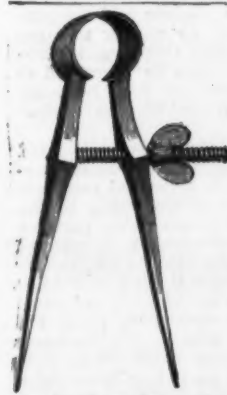


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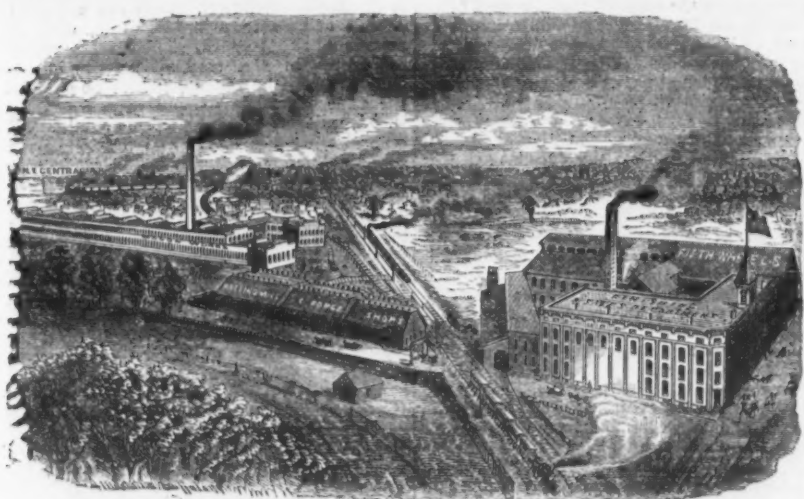
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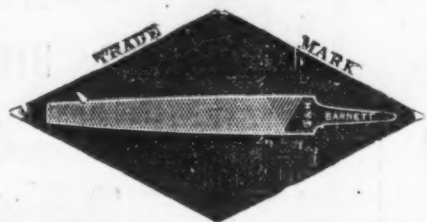
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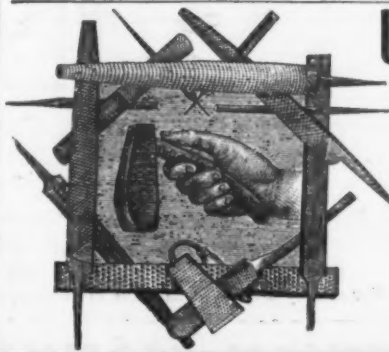
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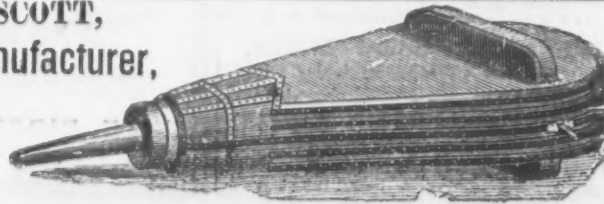
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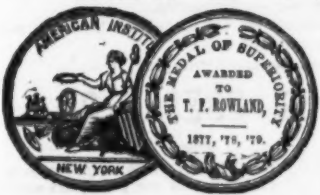
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Mr. Sterling: As we cannot drive our pumps above 100 feet per minute, which is too slow for steam, it is not possible, on pumps up to those discharging 1000 gallons per minute, to use gearing. In reply to this Mr. Nagle referred to pumping engines at Providence, where by such means a duty of 83,000,000 was obtained.

Mr. Holley gave notice of a motion to change the rule in regard to opening and counting of ballots for members. The amendment to rule on page 14 reads as follows: "The said blank envelopes shall be opened by the council at any meeting thereof, and the names of the candidates elected shall be announced at the meeting of the society first ensuing, and also in the first ensuing list of members."

The society upon Friday was occupied in visiting the various works of interest in the vicinity. A full account of these visits will be found elsewhere. The excursions, in spite of the rainy weather, were most delightful and instructive.

Friday Evening—Closing Session.

By special request of the society, Mr. George B. Bond, of the Pratt & Whitney Co., of Hartford, read a paper upon

STANDARD MEASUREMENT.

It gave an account of the steps that have been taken at that establishment to obtain a set of standards, together with an apparatus for comparing and transferring measurements.

The company some time since had a call from the Master Car Builders' Association for a standard set of taps, dies, &c., of the "United States" or "Franklin Institute" pattern. They wanted standard gauges. In attempting to fill this order some very unexpected facts were discovered, and it became for the moment a serious question as to how and where the standard lengths were to be obtained. Prof. Rogers was applied to, and the company began at the beginning and obtained copies of the British standards, which by law are the standards in this country.

The speaker gave a most interesting and valuable account of the British standards, the methods by which they were obtained and the difficulties encountered in the attempts to recover them from the pendulum vibrating seconds. After abandoning the attempt to recover the pendulum in this method, one of the copies of the lost standard was declared to be standard, and copies were made from this. Descriptions of the several standard bars were given, with some mention of the composition of the metal from which they were made.

The speaker then gave an account of the four copies of the standard yard which the Pratt & Whitney Company had obtained through Prof. Rogers, and which had been compared at Washington with the United States standards, which are also copies of the British originals. Some of the copies have both the yard and the meter graduations.

The instrument for comparing the length of bars with the graduations upon the standards, is called a comparator. It is rendered necessary by the fact that the graduations consist of ruled lines upon the surface of plugs let into the bars. In some cases the plugs are sunk deeply into the bar, and in others they are upon the surface. In either case the comparison cannot be made without the use of an instrument.

The comparator may be said to consist of four members—the bed upon which the standard bar shall rest, hardened steel guides, slides for carrying the microscope through which the divisions of the bar are to be observed, and, lastly, suitable stops which shall be equal to the distances read off by the microscopes. The microscopes are of 1-inch focus, made by the celebrated Tolles, of Boston. The slides, guide bars and other portions of the machine are adjusted by the most laborious and careful grinding, so as to secure horizontality, parallelism and freedom from deflection, even when loaded. This was accomplished by means of a high-power microscope and a mercury surface for a standard. The observations have been greatly facilitated by the use of one of Tolles' oblique illuminators, by which, with ordinary daylight, very small lines upon metal can easily be resolved. The necessity of this is apparent when we consider that the lines are about 1-15,000th of an inch in width. Without extensive diagrams it would be almost impossible to make the details clear. It is sufficient to say that every known precaution has been taken to make the work perfect.

The coefficients of expansion of the metals of the test bars have been most carefully measured, and it has been found that, when once the steel bars are obtained, trouble upon this score will be avoided, as these bars expand and contract uniformly with the work.

At the conclusion of the paper President Thurston said that Pratt and Whitney were deserving of commendation for this work, and believed it was the first time that such careful scientific measurements had been done in commercial work.

The question here came up whether the Pratt and Whitney standards corresponded with those of the Betts Machine Co.

In reply, Mr. Pratt said that they had gone on without regard to other people's divisions of the foot and the inch. When they first attempted to obtain a standard yard, they could not find that any of the measures obtainable would agree among themselves or with the supposed standards, and they were forced to go to the originals. The company are working for accuracy and accurate copies of government standards, regardless of what other people's standards are. Some \$15,000 and three years of time had already been expended, and it is intended to go on until the system is completed. Definite results were hoped for within six months. In illustration of the difficulty of obtaining the standards, he said that when the company were applied to for standard thread gauges, they had a standard foot gauge made by one of the best makers in the United States. This was given to the Stevens Institute of Technology and to Prof. Rogers to test. These two authorities agreed, and decided that the rule was out a small, but still important, fraction of an inch.

Mr. Hoadley then read a paper upon the SIEMENS PYROMETER, OR A MODIFIED FORM OF CALORIMETER.

One was needed in order to obtain exact measurements of the temperature of furnace gases far beyond the reach of the ordinary thermometer. Such an apparatus is described by D. K. Clark, but the author, after careful search, could not find such an instrument in the United States. Upon attempting to design an instrument of this kind, several questions arose.

1. The most advantageous quantity of water.
2. The best construction to prevent disturbance from external temperatures.
3. Best material for the vessel.
4. The substance for conveying heat to the water in the vessel.
5. Form, dimensions, weight, &c., of the substance selected.
6. Method of heating and transporting with least loss of heat.
7. Disposition and arrangement of the thermometers.
8. Details of manipulation.

The question of the quantity of water to be employed was decided in favor of two pounds instead of a pint, the quantity mentioned by Clark. Two pounds was much more convenient in the estimation of the temperatures to be measured.

A few calculations determined these points very conclusively. The two pounds of water included both the vessel and the agitator, which share almost instantaneously all the changes in temperature of the water. The calorific capacity of the vessel was ascertained, both by calculation and experiment, to be about 0.0534 pounds of water, requiring, therefore, 1.9466 pounds of water, making the whole 2.0000. Various vessels differ a little from each other.

In materials a variety of things had to be considered, but the choice finally fell upon sheet brass, which seemed to combine more advantages than any other metal which could be conveniently used. The metal used is .01 of an inch thick, and is sufficiently firm for the purpose. The surfaces are not only nickel-plated, but burnished so as to prevent corrosion and radiation. Silver on some accounts would be better than the nickel, but it could not have been used in connection with vulcanized rubber.

The instruments as a whole consist of several concentric vessels, the inner one of which contains the water, while the inclosed spaces are packed with eider-down, the external form somewhat resembling a large two-handled coffee pot with the spout wanting. The cup proper is insulated from the rest of the vessel by a body of hard rubber and the several shells of the case. The handle of the agitator and the rim and central tube of the cover are of the same material. The case is about 1 1/4 inches thick, and is composed of three concentric cups. This divides the internal space into three concentric chambers, with burnished nickel walls. The cover is made in a similar manner. The spaces are filled with eider-down, compressed no more than was needed to fill the spaces. This prevents radiation and the circulation of the inclosed air. Each space has a tube for the insertion of a thermometer. These are of use in the experiments made to determine the facts in regard to the conducting power of the vessels, &c.

The test experiments made to determine the calorific value of the vessel, so far as it is affected by the internal temperature, were of a very elaborate and exact character. These were given in great detail. The vessel and its parts were first brought to 60° F., then a quantity of water, weighing a little less than 2 pounds and having a temperature of 178° F., was poured into the cup, the cover closed and the agitator put in motion. In half a minute the thermometer reached its maximum of 175° F. and began to fall, slowly at first, and then rapidly. As attention could be spared the thermometers in the other compartments were noted. The heat was found to travel slowly outward. Observations of all the thermometers were taken regularly once each minute for the first half hour; after that once in 10 minutes. After four hours the changes were very moderate and regular, and the observations were made at longer intervals. Observations were continued through the night, the following day and the succeeding night. These were at last carefully plotted and curves of temperature obtained for each of the compartments, and interesting, though exceedingly small, correspondences noted between the rates of cooling and the variations in the temperature of the closet in which the apparatus was placed. The diagram of the loss of temperature in the central cup, referred to the temperatures in the middle compartment as a base line, was found to be very symmetrical. This was divided into intervals of five degrees, and the time corresponding to each was found. Then the time per degree and the loss per minute were calculated and the results carefully tabulated, so that corrections could be applied to any given set of observations under any conditions which might be encountered. This table was given in full in the paper.

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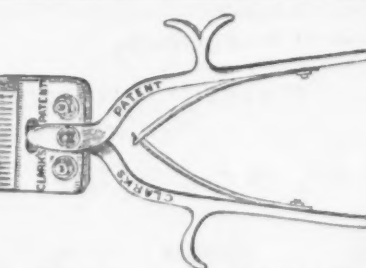
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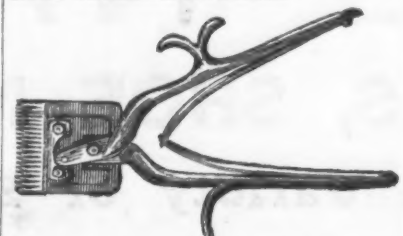
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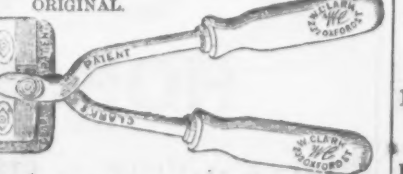
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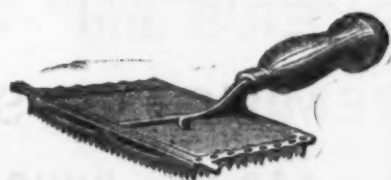


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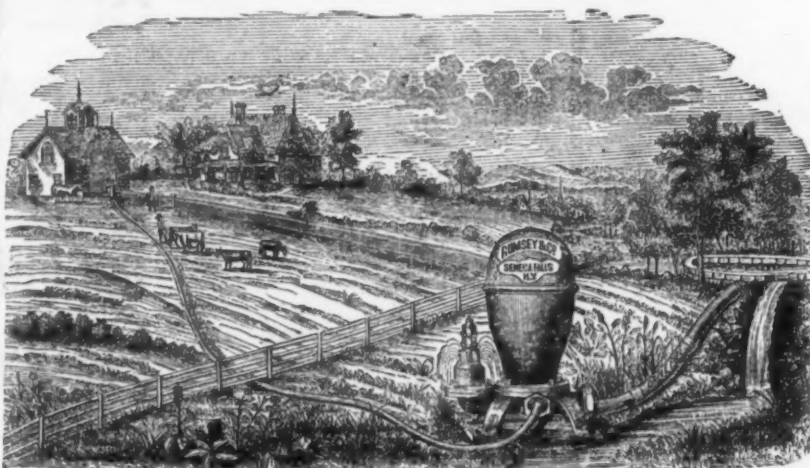
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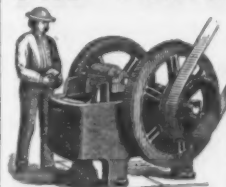
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The specific heat of the metal was somewhat uncertain. Some 35 determinations are given in Clark's "Constants of Nature," in which there are just enough discrepancies to make a selection of any one difficult. The nature of these was spoken of at some length, and the fact that they were very small in amount noted. Unable to investigate the conditions under which the determinations were made, they were all plotted on an enormous scale (1000 inches to unity, the specific heat of water), and a curve drawn to represent the probable mean. This curve was speedily a straight line parallel to the base, showing that the specific heat of platinum appears to be constant at all temperatures up to about 2000° F., and to be one-thirtieth that of water. At this temperature the metal is far below its melting point, which is said to be in the neighborhood of 4000° F. It is probable that its specific heat will be sensibly constant even at 2500° F.—a property shared in an equal degree by no other known substance.

Unfortunately, the high cost and low-heat capacity almost unfit it for use. The speaker at last selected wrought iron as best suited for his purpose. At the high temperatures which the author expects to encounter, wrought iron will be plastic and difficult to handle; it would also oxidize so rapidly as to require frequent renewals, in the end making it little less costly than platinum. It was, therefore, resolved to coat wrought-iron balls with a firm capsule of platinum. The sizes and weights fixed were:

	Grains.
Iron, 0.88 inch diameter, weight.....	700
Platinum, 0.98 inch diameter, 0.05 inch thick, weighing.....	700
Total weight of iron and platinum.....	1,400

The probable specific heat of the wrought iron was arrived at in the same manner as that of platinum, but less satisfactorily, on account of the close proximity of its melting point. At from 2000° to 2500° F. it may be taken at, say, one-sixth that of water. It is probably even higher than this at the highest temperature, and at the melting point is probably quite large. Mr. Hoadley, therefore, proposes to determine the actual thermal value of the composite balls of platinum and iron by comparison with platinum heated in the same crucible, exposed to the same fire and cooled in calorimeters exactly alike in all respects, so far as it is possible to make them so. Great accuracy can probably be reached by exchanging vessels and making numerous comparisons, and accurate results may be expected even up to and beyond the melting point of the iron. The first approximation gives the following results:

0.1 pound iron, specific heat.....	0.166
0.1 pound platinum, specific heat.....	0.333
Combined value.....	0.200

which is 0.01 of the two pounds of water, including the equivalent of the metal of the vessel. The scale will, therefore, be 100 degrees to 1 degree; that is, each degree of heat acquired by the vessel will be equal to 100 degrees lost by the ball. Using two such balls, the scale becomes 50 to 1. If the specific heat of the iron needs correction, as is not unlikely, a corresponding correction can be made in the quantity of water, thus preserving the scale of 100 degrees to 1 for a single ball and 50 to 1 for two.

The method devised for using the apparatus is as follows: No. 1 black lead crucibles, with covers, are used for the heating. These have lugs for the purpose of convenient handling, and into them one, two or more balls are placed, say one composite and one platinum, or two composite and two platinum. A fire-brick, having a cavity in its upper side to hold the crucible, is placed on the bridge wall of the furnace, and is kept constantly at about the temperature of the fire at that point. A band around the brick with a suitable handle gives means for pulling it out or pushing it in through a door at the side of the boiler setting. Temperatures at the back end of the boiler are taken by means of a similar brick upon a shelf at a point just before the gases enter the flues. The crucible and its cover prevent the loss of heat by radiation during the transfer of the balls from the fire to the vessel.

The Fahrenheit thermometer was selected as, on the whole, most convenient. For the central cup the instrument is 12 inches long, graduated from 20 degrees to 120 degrees, giving about 1/2 inch to a degree. The thermometers used in the compartments are 6 inches long, and are similarly graduated. All of these have been very carefully tested and their errors noted.

Mr. Hoadley said he had hoped when the paper was begun to be able to present the results of an experimental trial of them, but the instruments were not completed in season. He hoped to present practical results at the next meeting. He also has in construction a large calorimeter for measuring the dryness of steam, which he expects to have completed shortly.

Prof. Thurston said that the method pointed out in this paper seems to be the only one practicable for high temperatures. It is, even with the crude apparatus ordinarily used, by far the most accurate.

The Rider engine, in which the volume of air is constant, becomes a very good thermometer. By experiments made by the students at the Stevens Institute of Technology, they succeeded in estimating the work done by both methods, and were able to obtain results which varied only 2 or 3 foot pounds.

In answer to a question regarding the degree of heat to be expected in boiler and other furnaces, Mr. Holley said Dr. Siemens claimed that his furnaces sometimes reached the heat of dissociation, and that he could see the air and gases passing through without mixture. The peculiar appearances of the gases at the highest temperatures

changed as the heat was lowered, and from this it was argued that the heat was that of dissociation.

Mr. Hoadley exhibited a case containing a number of the balls which he intended to use in his pyrometer. Some of them were of platinum, others of copper and still others of one metal covered with a layer of some other metal—as iron covered with platinum.

Mr. Harrison then read a paper upon

THE FIRST ROLLING MILL IN AMERICA.

This mill was erected for Peter Oliver, one of the Crown Judges, at Middleboro, Mass., in 1751. Political influence enabled Judge Oliver to obtain a grant to import and erect a rolling mill in the colonies at a time when the manufacture of iron in any of the colonies was prohibited by law. The mill had some very peculiar features. It was driven by a pair of undershot water wheels, each one of which drove a bottom roll, while the top roll was driven by gearing from the shaft of the opposite wheel. These wheels were 18 feet in diameter and 10 feet face. The shears were driven by a long lever made by a cog on one of the water-wheel shafts. The rolls were tightened by driving long keys at the tops of the columns. The rolls were 36 x 15 inches, with chilled ends. The necks were 9 inches in diameter. The iron was reduced in four passes from 3/4 x 3 inches to 1/4 x 3 inches. Judge Oliver worked the mill until 1776, when he suddenly went on board of an English man-of-war, and sailed for England. The mill passed into other hands and was worked until 1830, when it was abandoned.

In 1818 the mill was worked with about eight men at about \$1 per day. Eight hundred pounds of iron was made in 12 hours mining, and one pint of rum was used for each heat, according to the weather.

When Jesse Reed brought out his nail cutting machine in 1818 the old business of making nail rods was abandoned, except for horse-shoe nails, but the old mill was kept at work making flat plates for the nail machine.

At the close of the paper a gentleman handed about the room several hand-made nails, which were said to have been made from iron rolled at the old mill.

In answer to questions, Mr. Harrison said that there were no box grooves—plain offset only. The passes were 4 inches wide. There was plenty of bearing without turning a fin over the edge. The 10-inch chills were used for the plates after plate rolling was begun. There was no edging.

Mr. Sterling: It is interesting to note the contrast between this and modern mills, but we haven't improved in the quantity of rum consumed per shift.

Mr. Moore then presented the following:
Resolved, That the thanks of this society are due, and are hereby tendered to his honor the Mayor, and to the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of Hartford, for the use of the meeting and committee rooms; for the manufacturers of the city and vicinity for courtesies extended, and also to the local committee. (Resolution adopted.)

Mr. Melvin read a paper on
AN IMPROVED MERCURY COLUMN, OR PRESSURE GAUGE.

The unreliable nature of spring gauges of all kinds is well known. The mercury column is often used as a check upon the gauge, though inconvenient and limited in range.

The author wished to show that the mercury column may be brought into general use at a small cost as a standard test gauge, without the necessity of erecting high and unwieldy syphons. Instead of these single syphons, several are employed, which are connected in the manner described in "Weirbach's Mechanics." To get rid of the effects of expansion, the scale is used from the difference of level instead of from a fixed point. A diagram upon the blackboard showed a syphon of five syphons. These are arranged in pairs, side by side, so as to occupy only a small floor space. Holes in each syphon are made at the mercury level, for the purpose of filling the upper portions of the tubes with some liquid of known specific gravity. When the tubes have been filled all these holes are plugged.

When in use the first mercury column is depressed a certain amount and the pressure transmitted to the next column.

If the second liquid was without weight the height of a single mercury column would be equal to the sum of the differences of the mercury columns, but the sum of the differences is too great by the amount of the weight of the second column, and this amount must be deducted. The formula stands:

$$p = n d \left(1 - \frac{1}{13.59} \right)$$

when p = the pressure, n the number of syphons and d the difference of level, 13.59 is the specific gravity of mercury. Water is used as the second liquid, hence unity is the numerator of the fraction. If any other liquid is used the specific gravity must be substituted in the numerator.

The correction for temperature depends on the relative densities of the two liquids, as well as on the actual expansion of the mercury. By selecting the second liquid so that the relative densities of the two liquids remain the same at all temperatures, the correction is the same as that of a mercury column of the same height. If the ratio of the densities of the two liquids increases with every movement of temperature, the differences of level between the surfaces of the mercury will be the same, regardless of variations of temperature.

Several liquids have been used. If tetrachloride of tin is used its density decreases rather faster than that of mercury, hence the column actually shortens as the temperature rises. Water and glycerine have been satisfactorily used as a second liquid in a five-syphon gauge which has been in use for the last four years.

The following table shows the variation in a 30 inch column on a five syphon gauge where water and tetrachloride of tin are the second liquids.

Temperature.		Height of Column.	
Cent.	Fah.	Water, as 2d liquid.	Tetrachloride of tin, as 2d liquid.
60°	140°	30.00000	30.00000
70°	158°	30.05320	29.99557
80°	176°	30.11950	29.99117
90°	194°	30.16050	29.99010
100°	212°	30.21405	29.98642

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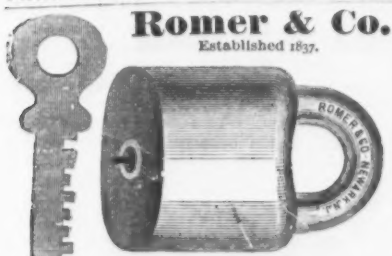
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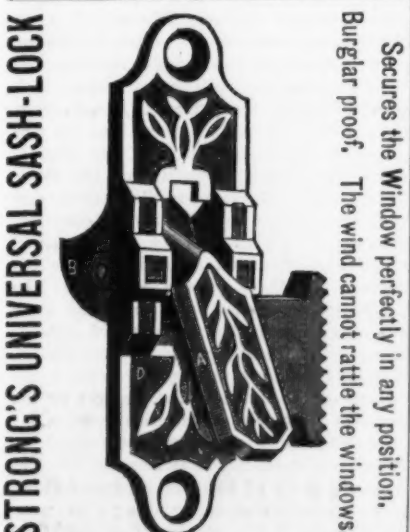


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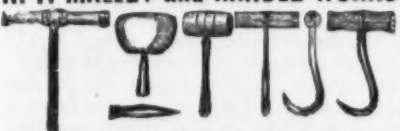


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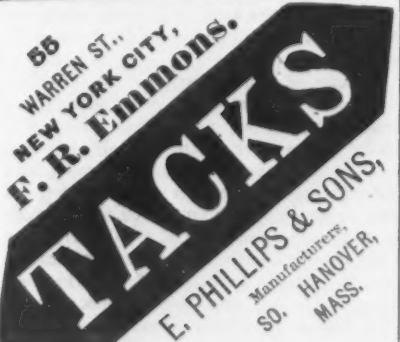
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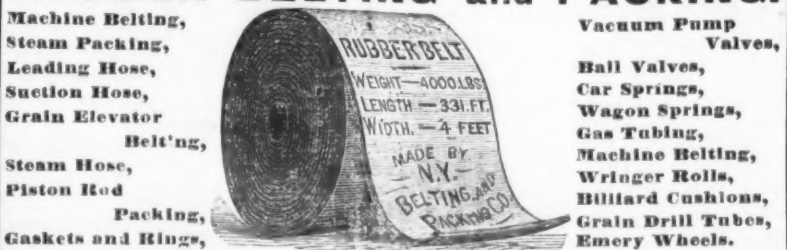


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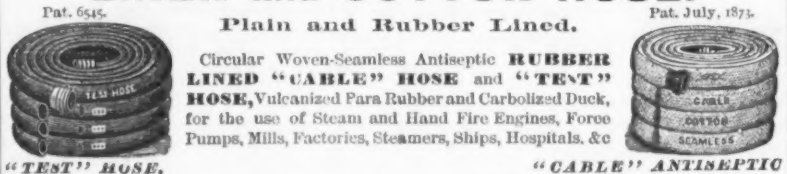
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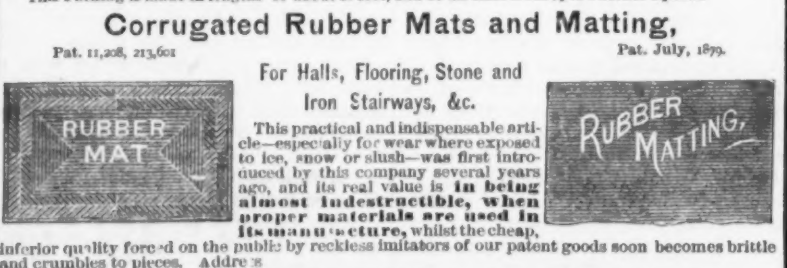


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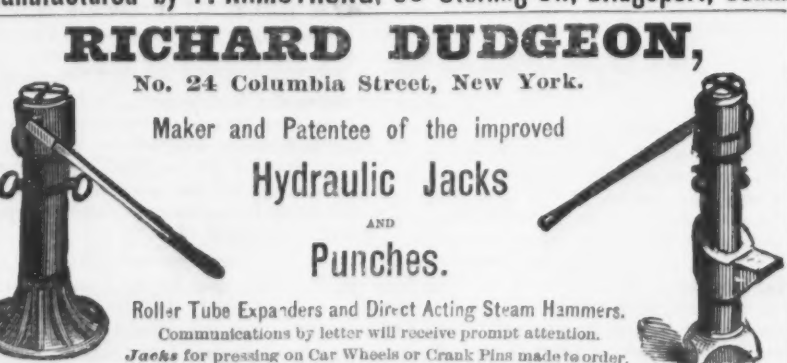
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lowing table:

Temperature.		Specific Gravities.		Differences.	
Cent.	Fah.	Mercury.	Chloride of tin.	Mercury.	Chloride of tin.
0°	32°	13.59600	2.2671	.0244	.0256
10°	50°	13.57167	2.2415	.0243	.0255
20°	68°	13.54736	2.2160	.0233	.0254
30°	86°	13.52405	2.1906	.0251	.0258
40°	104°	13.49993	2.1648

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ment for the accurate indication of high
pressures, the speaker said that this form of
monometer is capable of giving accurate
results, without being cumbersome in size.
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pheres, which would call for a mercurial
column of 1250 feet, an instrument could be
constructed with 100 15-foot syphons, which
would easily test up to this pressure. This
would enable us to do away with the some-
what indefinite method of computing high
pressures in atmospheres.

Mr. Oberlin Smith read a paper upon
EXPERIMENTAL MECHANICS,
in which he called attention to the diffi-
culty of obtaining practical data upon a
great variety of subjects, without resorting
to long and costly methods of experiment.
He spoke of the advantages which would
accrue if some central mechanical labora-
tory could be established for the purpose
of making experiments, obtaining data and
putting it into the shape that is needed by
the profession.

Some very interesting cases which have
arisen in his own experience were cited, as
also the efforts which he had made to obtain
information upon the points raised.
The discussion, which was of great interest,
was opened by Prof. Thurston, who said that
the subject was one well worthy of consid-
eration. When people see what has been done
by Messrs. Pratt & Whitney, they will see
how much a bureau of this kind is needed,
and how valuable it would be to all. It is,
of course, not a novel proposal. This plan has
taken very promising shapes sometimes, and
there appeared to be reason to hope that
such a scheme would come into successful
operation.

The government has done some experi-
menting which is of the greatest value. The
reports on the Franklin Institute experi-
ments on iron and upon boiler explosions,
made at government expense, have been
published (1876) and the volume is of great
value. Another set of experiments, by
Prof. Johnson, on coals (1874) was published
in a public document, and, though made
some time ago, are still regarded as authority.
An attempt was made by the government
to investigate the causes of boiler explosions
(1873), and \$100,000 were appropriated for
the purpose. The President, who had the
appointment of the commission, did not
know who were competent to take charge
of such an investigation, and the Treasury
Department bureau having supervision of
steamboats took the matter up. The re-
sults reported were small and the work is
incomplete. No complete report was made.
The reasons for this state of the investiga-
tion were stated, and Prof. Thurston said it
was not likely that in this generation, at
least, the subject would be taken up again
by the government. The Hartford Steam
Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company
and other similar organizations are getting
information together, and are doing this
even more easily and better than the gov-
ernment could. Judging from the facts
gathered by them, we may say explosions
can usually be classed under three heads:
1. Ignorance. 2. Carelessness. 3. Utter
recklessness. The remainder of the explo-
sions which do not come under one of these
three heads amount to only 3 or 4 per cent.
of the whole. The most of the causes are
well known, and are simple and easily pre-
ventable. There may be a few that are not
known.

The Civil Engineers' Society took up the
subject of getting the government to make
tests of iron and steel. They were, after
great labor and much time had been ex-
pended, at last successful, and a board was
appointed and an appropriation made of
\$75,000. The board had \$15,000, and \$60,-
000 was to be expended in the construction
of a testing machine. They contracted for
a machine to cost \$31,500, and, while the
machine was in course of construction, they
began and carried out a series of subsidiary
investigations. They reported in 1878; the
public document containing the report will
be republished during the coming summer.
In the year following the one in which the
appropriation was first given, the amount
appropriated was smaller, and, after that,
Congress declined to make any further ap-
propriations of public money, and the board
ceased to exist in consequence. The ma-
chine, which was just finished when Con-
gress refused to aid the work any further,
fell into the hands of the Ordnance Depart-
ment, which is doing good work with it. The
influence which was brought to bear upon
Congress to devote a further sum of money
toward making the tests was enormous, and
in any other interest would have been ample
to secure any desired end, but for this pur-
pose seemed utterly without effect.

Some years ago several gentlemen con-
nected with railroad work applied to Prof.
Thurston at the Stevens Institute of Tech-
nology, and asked whether the institute could
not take up in a small way some of these
much-needed investigations. Upon exami-
nation and consultation of all interested, the
reply was that it could be done if the neces-
sary capital was only forthcoming. The
matter was at last focussed and called the
Mechanical Laboratory of Stevens Institute
of Technology. During the time Prof.
Thurston was serving upon the government
board he did a considerable amount of work
with the machinery of the laboratory. This
was, in fact, the starting point of the labora-
tory, at that time the professor having suc-
ceeded in getting together a considerable
amount of apparatus of various kinds. In
various ways some \$40,000 worth of work
has been done. Soon after this Prof. Thurst-
on's health broke down, and the work
lagged, little being done for some time. At

present there is a considerable amount of
commercial work, but this does not lead in
the direction that Mr. Smith has indicated.
Those who have experiments made do not
wish usually to have them published.
Capital is needed for carrying out such a
plan as would be necessary to meet Mr.
Smith's requirements.

Mr. Holley said: I think I ought to call atten-
tion to one fact—the apparent indisposition of
the Ordnance Department of the United
States army to co-operate with civil engineers
in the manner proposed by the American So-
ciety of Civil Engineers, viz., to have a mixed
board of army, navy and civilian engineers.
If the only way the constructing engineers
of America can get the benefit of the public
money that is to be spent in ascertaining the
value of the modern constructive materials
—if, for instance, the knowledge of the mild
steels as applied in boilers, bridges and ma-
chines where life and unmeasured property
are at stake—if this knowledge can only come
down to ordinary constructors through the
Ordnance Department of the United States
army—then I beg the members of the Society
of Mechanical Engineers not to waste any
time in fighting the inevitable, but to stimu-
late the Ordnance Department by all means
in their power to carry out with their ex-
cellent testing machine such experiments
as will benefit the general public, rather
than those experiments which only refer to
ordnance and ordnance materials.

Prof. Thurston said the machine has
done, and is doing, good work. It is open
to the public and is in constant use by busi-
ness men. Nothing has, therefore, been
lost in building it, and the results obtained
by private parties are gratifying all round.

Mr. Sterling called attention to the im-
mense amount of information to be obtained
upon all practical subjects from a published
German work.

Prof. Thurston then alluded to the fact
that this work was first issued as "Kerl's
Reportorium," but now published as "Schu-
barth's." It contains a list of what has been
published upon mechanical subjects and is
of immense value. The Journal of the
Franklin Institute contains lists of what is
being done in this country, and he referred
to publications and articles issued in other
countries of similar value, as the Annales
de Chimie et de Physique the German An-
nalen and others.

Mr. Hartwell read a paper upon "A Con-
denser and Apparatus for Purifying Ex-
haust Steam from Oil." The principle of
operation is to take the exhaust into a cham-
ber of many times greater area than that of
the exhaust pipe. The exhaust enters from
above and the tendency for any particles of
oil in the steam is to continue their course
until they strike upon a bed of stone chips
confined in place by a wire screen. The steam
meantime turns at right angles and slowly
passes onward through several screens of
wire gauze. Its motion, however, is slow,
as the chamber is from 12 to 50 times as
large in section as the exhaust pipe. In
this chamber a proper grease overflow is
provided. The grease has a great tendency
to adhere to any solid bodies in its course,
and by means of the screens and body of
stone chips the oil is taken from the steam,
leaving the latter free to rise upward and
enter the condenser, which is placed directly
over the oil trap. This is arranged so as to
heat the water nearly to the boiling point,
but without back pressure upon the engine.

At the conclusion of the paper, Mr. Sterling
brought up the question of printing the
papers and distributing them to members
before the meetings, so that they could have
an opportunity to consider them carefully
before discussion. While the desirability
of this was shown, it was not deemed best
to have a hard-and-fast rule, for the mem-
bers are busy men, and it frequently happens
that they are not able to prepare papers a
long time in advance. Matters of current
interest also may come up which it is desir-
able to present at once. Some miscellaneous
discussion of topics which had been pre-
viously presented here followed, the sub-
stance of which has been given in connec-
tion with the various subjects mentioned.
The Society then adjourned.

At the Physical Society of London, Prof.
J. H. Gladstone exhibited recently an inter-
esting experiment showing the crystalliza-
tion of a metal upon itself from a fused salt.
Dr. Gladstone and Mr. Alfred Tribe, in the
course of some experiments on metallic
replacements, observed that some sheet
silver placed in fused silver chloride became
quickly studded with crystals of the metal.
The displacement of a metal by itself seemed
so anomalous that they at first supposed the
silver employed to contain impurities; but
such was not the case, and they further
found iodide of silver could be substituted
for the chloride with a like result. More-
over, when copper was immersed in fused
cupreous chloride, zinc in melted zinc chlo-
ride, or iron in fused ferrous chloride, crys-
tals of each of the several metals separated
out. That this phenomenon was not due
to a different physical condition of the
rolled metals was proved by putting
crystals of the pure metal, separated by
electrolysis, instead of the rolled metal,
when fresh crystals were formed as before.
Subsequent experiments went to prove that
the effect is really due to an electric current
set up in the cell by the unequal heating of
different parts of the metal plunged in the
salt. This contact current was proved to
exist by means of a galvanometer, and the
two following experiments intensified the
electrolysis. Some silver chloride was fused
in a hard glass tube and a rod of silver
placed in it. On heating the underside of
the lower end for ten minutes, a consid-
erable crop of silver crystals was found in
the cooler part of the liquid. Again, some
silver chloride was fused in a crucible and
one side more strongly heated than the
other. Two rods of silver were connected
together, and one in the hotter the other
in the colder part of the salt. At the end
of 15 minutes the latter was found studded
with crystals, while the former was clean.
Copper wires immersed in cupreous chloride
gave a similar result.

Preparations are making by the Amalgamated
Association of Iron and Steel Workers,
to hold its second annual reunion at Beaver
Fa., on Saturday, June 4th.

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The British Board of Trade returns for April give evidence of the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the English iron trade. It is true a reduction of the figures showing the shipments to other countries was anticipated, and therefore they do not give rise to much disappointment. Still, the falling off, compared with the deliveries during the same month last year, is considerable. The quantity of iron and steel exported last month was 329,100 tons, worth \$11,290,000, against 444,991 tons, worth \$15,470,000, in April, 1880. The United States naturally have fallen back most, but it must be noted that other countries, too, have not bought as liberally as they did a year ago. During April the shipments to this country were 43,388 tons of pig iron, 1150 tons of bar and angle

iron, 38,753 tons of railroad iron and steel of all sorts, 4757 tons of hoops, sheets, &c., 7473 tons of old iron and 7517 tons of unwrought steel. In view of the condition of our own markets, these quantities still appear to be excessive—notably the items of pig, bar and angle iron and unwrought steel. The large quantity of hoops and sheets is the natural result of the Treasury decisions, and there seems no prospect of an early check to the movement. But so far as the other articles just enumerated are concerned, we are unable to escape the conclusion that such shipments are only calculated to do injury to the trade here, without effecting any relief to England, or holding out a promise of success to those engaged in the importations.

What are the Facts About Iron?

The attitude of expectancy in which all connected with or interested in the iron trades seem to stand at the present time, shows how little, even in these days of ocean cables, land telegraphs, hourly mails, newspaper enterprise and intimate international commercial intercourse, manufacturers and merchants are willing to trouble themselves about the causes not obviously or immediately operative, or not visible at a glance. Every day we hear or read confident predictions of something better in the immediate future. Those who, from temperament or business interest, incline to optimism, have no end of good arguments with which to fortify their failing confidence. They point to the crowded workshops of the country, to the admitted enormous consumption, and to the fact that, great as the consumption is, the want is not yet supplied, for the reason that orders for manufactures of iron in various forms—machinery, railway equipment and rolling stock, tools, &c.—are going begging. How can depression in the iron market, with a steady decline in prices, continue under these conditions? Obviously, there must be an improvement within a few weeks. Large consumers are known to be lightly supplied and depending upon current purchases from week to week. A little increase in the demand would alarm these cautious buyers, and they would be eager for all the iron they can get at present or even higher prices. Our surplus stocks of pig would disappear so quickly that no one could tell where they had gone, and, before we knew it, we should be in exactly the position for another "boom." To what extent consumers share this confidence it would be difficult to say. But, for the present, they evidently consider it expedient to be cautious and not to help the "boom," until they have better evidence of an advance than is furnished by the predictions of those whose business it is to sell iron.

A careful examination of such facts respecting the actual condition of the world's iron markets as can be gathered from trustworthy and accessible sources, leads inevitably to the conclusion that, under existing conditions, it is a mistaken policy to try to bolster up iron. It cannot be done, and the effort would only complicate the evil and postpone a return to a healthful and stable condition of business. The sooner we recognize the fact of a heavy overproduction of iron the sooner will production be curtailed, and until this is done things must inevitably go from bad to worse. Now, what are the facts? From statements contained in the recent letters of our able English correspondent, it is evident that the effects of a long period of overproduction are now beginning to be felt. The weaker districts are commencing to give way under the tremendous competition of Scotland and the North of England, both of which are forcing their pig on every market, and in spite of repeated concessions the stocks are accumulating at an alarming rate. The period of hesitation as to whether it is best to stop work or continue has already been reached in England, and the conviction is steadily gaining ground that there is no early prospect of a remunerative business for the large number of producers who were tempted into resuming work in their idle mills and furnaces by the high prices of the "boom" period. For many months they have struggled against adverse circumstances, aggravating the situation and prolonging its duration. It makes little difference whether the English iron surplus is here or there; whether it is good iron or bad. Agents in this market are eager to sell it to American consumers, and are to a large extent succeeding. If any of this iron comes to the United States the buyer will not waste it. Whatever its quality, a ton of iron is a ton of iron, and, whether good or bad, it takes the place of a ton of American iron for some use. The continued importation of Scotch and English iron into this country, means simply that the loss attending its sale here is less than the cost of carrying it in stock at home. We refer our readers to our English correspondence for a great deal of valuable and accurate information respecting the condition of the British iron markets.

In all but one of the iron-producing countries of the Continent, matters have gone from bad to worse for several months past. The good times of the close of 1879 lasted into 1880, and then the markets receded rapidly into their former condition. In Germany, American orders kept up a show of activity for a considerable period, but their discontinuance brought about a rapid decline in prices. There was nothing in the home trade to warrant the rapid rise, nor

did the short-lived "boom" create any sustained legitimate demand. Taken as a whole, Germany did not prosper during 1880, nor is the outlook at the present time at all encouraging. Notwithstanding this, the production of pig iron advanced from 1,965,000 to 2,230,000 tons during 1880—the highest figure ever reached. A number of circumstances, however, tend to weaken the effect of this apparently rapid growth of home production. The enforcement of the new tariff since the middle of 1879 has naturally tended to check importations to some extent by transforming the business to German producers, and, in fact, we find that the excess of imports over exports of pig declined from 155,000 tons in 1879 to 127,000 tons in 1880. The exports of manufactures of iron and steel, notably of rails, tires, &c., were considerably increased during 1880. This, however, will not account for an increase of 265,000 tons in production, especially if it is considered that the first effect of the rapid rise of prices was to clear away stocks, and that by the time production had responded to the impulse, the movement was dying away. The effect has apparently been to replenish and increase the stocks; and without any present prospects of a revival growing out of improved conditions at home, the outlook for the German trade is gloomy, especially as the English trade now virtually controls prices, notwithstanding the low duties which were intended to protect German producers.

Belgium, which has always been more an iron-working than an iron-producing country, has been forced to follow the fortunes of her neighbors very closely. But although working more cheaply than those of almost any other district of Europe, the Belgians have found it a hard matter to buy foreign pig and compete with the English in their own markets. In Austria-Hungary, home consumption fell off rapidly when high prices were ruling, and it has not since rallied sufficiently to counterbalance the gain in production then induced. Trade, therefore, is dragging, and the prospects are by no means bright, as there is little hope of getting rid of the surplus in foreign markets in the face of the powerful competition of England, Belgium and Germany.

The only country that has been enjoying fair prosperity, and will in the coming year, in all likelihood, continue to enjoy a brisk demand for iron and steel at good prices, is France. The enormous expenditures of the government for internal improvements and the inducements it offers to local enterprise, are telling on the iron and allied trades, to which the benefits are reasonably secure by the operation of the tariff. There is nothing alarming, therefore, in the expansion of the production of France during the past year, although the increase has been quite exceptional. It should not be forgotten, however, that this is not likely to appreciably affect the state of the trade in general, as the French have it pretty much to themselves, and as their withdrawal from competition in foreign markets, insignificant as it was, does not make any great difference.

In the following table we have compiled the production of pig of all the principal countries of the world in 1879 and 1880, the figures given being in net tons.

	1879.	1880.
Great Britain.....	7,147,000	8,640,000
United States.....	3,071,000	4,995,000
Germany.....	1,965,000	2,230,000
France.....	1,388,000	1,733,000
Belgium.....	448,000	600,000
Austria-Hungary.....	472,000	500,000
Total.....	14,411,000	18,097,000

* Estimated by local authorities.

This growth is well calculated to make even the most sanguine reflect. It is true the bare figures are likely to give a somewhat erroneous idea of the facts. We have noted that the increase in the case of France, and to some extent in the case of Germany, is due to a legitimate and healthy condition of affairs, which, in one instance, still continues. It may also be urged that the expansion of production is due to an increase in the demand, and it is natural to point at once to the growth of the steel trade, which was brought about by an extension of the steel rail business. Unfortunately, we do not possess as yet full statistics of that important branch of the trade in all countries. The following figures, all net tons, are accessible thus far:

	1879.	1880.
Great Britain.....	282,659	328,699
United States.....	68,964	954,460
Austria.....	77,370	68,807
France.....	303,742	279,847
Total.....	1,297,735	2,131,813

By the construction of many new lines and the prosperity of old ones, the expansion of our own steel trade is legitimate, and this is true to a certain extent also of Great Britain, and entirely so of France. Let us assume that this increase of 1880 over 1879 in the production of steel rails, is swelled to 750,000 tons by the growth of the trade in Germany and Belgium, and still this would not account, taking the waste at its highest limit, for as much as 1,000,000 tons of pig. There remains a surplus of 2,600,000 tons. After making a fair allowance for the greater quantities required in such industries as shipbuilding, which has taken a very favorable turn during the year, and taking into consideration such extraordinary sources of demand as the Grecian armament and the shipments to this country, we have 2,000,000 tons of pig iron to account for by the growth of the ordinary consumption. In view of the fact that shortly preceding and during this period, almost every remote corner of the world was emptied of its stores of scrap iron, it is hard to believe

that more than 1,000,000 tons actually went into consumption, leaving 1,000,000 tons to be added to the stock. This, as nearly as we can calculate it, is about the extent of the present overproduction of pig iron in all countries. It is, we think, likely to be an underestimate, rather than an overestimate.

In this country the condition of the iron trade is seemingly anomalous, but when we look closely we find that it is easily accounted for. The stock of pig iron in the United States at the beginning of 1880 was 141,674 tons. On the 1st of January, 1881, it was increased to 456,658 tons. On the same date the stock of pig iron in Great Britain was 1,541,411 tons—together, 2,000,000 tons. According to Mr. Swank's statistics of last year's production and our own quarterly returns of the condition of the blast furnaces of the United States, the general average production of charcoal furnaces is 4200 tons, of anthracite 11,000 tons, and of furnaces using bituminous coal 13,000 tons. Taking these figures as a basis for calculation, we estimate the production to June 1 at 266,000 tons for the charcoal furnaces, 731,000 for the anthracite and 833,000 tons for the furnaces using bituminous fuel, a total of 1,830,000 net tons, or at the rate of 4,392,000 tons per annum. Just what our annual rate of overproduction is we cannot say; but supposing that it is only a few hundred thousand tons, this estimate does not help the matter any. It is true that a speculative spurt or a scare among consumers would relieve the market temporarily; but what would this benefit us? The consumption of the country cannot be increased under any circumstances in a less time than from 12 to 18 months. The manufacturing capacity of the country is taxed to its limit, and every piece of machinery used in shaping or working iron is driven to the breaking point. This capacity cannot be extended. We know of a manufacturer of iron who lately wanted to add a machine shop to his works. He sent an agent around to buy the plant, and found that the average time demanded by manufacturers willing to book his orders at all, was nine months for small tools and from eighteen months to two years on such heavy pieces as large lathes and planers. We cannot place an order for a locomotive to be built under a year, for a cupola to be erected within six months, or for tools to work iron except at the convenience of manufacturers who are now months behind their orders. This means simply that we have reached our maximum consumption; and if with such a consumption we are still piling up iron at furnaces and witnessing a steady decline in prices, he must be an optimist indeed who can see any relief for the iron trade except through a reduced production.

This, to use a familiar expression, is "just where the shoe pinches." Everybody in the business would like to see everybody else blow out his furnace or close his mill; but for himself, he prefers to hold on a little longer and take the chance of some miraculous turn for the better. In the case of stock companies, this unwillingness to follow the dictates of sound business judgment is natural, as it means dissatisfaction among stockholders and loss of position and salary to officers. In the case of private individuals and limited partnerships, it is also natural, perhaps, as most people would rather hold on as long as possible, than incur the certain losses attending an indefinite suspension of business. But the inevitable alternative must be met sooner or later, and the iron trade cannot regain a sound basis except by a suspension of production wherever production does not pay. Such a contraction is needed for another reason. Labor is now getting, on the average, at least 30 per cent. more wages than employers in the iron trade can afford to pay. Skilled labor in rolling mills is now earning about 40 per cent. more than it ever earned, so far as we can learn, when bar iron was selling at 2.5 cents and under; unskilled labor about 25 per cent. No reduction is possible in view of the admitted scarcity of labor which now exists, and which must continue until production is materially curtailed.

These are unpleasant facts, but we state them in good faith. If they are facts, it would be folly to conceal them, and an attempt, under the circumstances, to avert what seems to be the inevitable downward tendency of prices, would be as futile as an effort to stay Niagara with a spoon. Unless some unforeseen and wholly improbable contingency changes the whole position, we must reach a condition in which recovery is possible only by a return to something very like the situation in 1877.

The British Iron Trade Association—a body organized only five years since—appears to be doing very efficient work in the cause of the English iron trade under the guidance of its present managers. From a recent report it appears that it is urging the government to secure favorable consideration of its interests in the treaty negotiations with France and Spain, and is rapidly becoming the recognized representative body of the trade. Its policy is eminently aggressive, both in matters relating to home and foreign policy, and it is not likely, therefore, that the association will be content to let affairs here take their own course. We may look for increasing efforts on the part of this association to further English interests in this country directly or indi-

rectly. The representatives of the American iron trade will therefore do well to watch its movements closely.

The Meeting of the Mechanical Engineers.

From the manufacturers' standpoint the recent meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at Hartford is an event of great importance. It was the first of the regular quarterly meetings of this new society, and showed in a striking way the material of which it is composed, the work it intends to do, and the ability which it has for carrying out what it has undertaken. Few men are more important to the manufacturer than the mechanical engineer. He stands at the head of the shops, and his eye and judgment are usually the only barriers against wastefulness in thousands of unknown channels. From his knowledge and judgment are to be obtained economies which make many processes, otherwise ruinous, not only practicable, but profitable.

At the Hartford meeting there were few papers read which did not deserve unusual attention. The opening paper by Prof. Thurston, and that which followed by Messrs. Denton and Wolff, were of peculiar significance. Both aimed at the solution of one and the same problem, though attacking it from different points. The question is, How shall power be obtained with the steam engine at the least cost? The object of the discussion was not to develop theories of expansion, regardless of their applicability in practice, nor to take up the mathematical investigation of the abstruse matters connected with the use of steam, but to concentrate our knowledge of this one problem in such a way as to enable the inquirer to solve the commercial question of furnishing 5, 50 or 500 horse-power by the week, month or year for the least money. The investigators have undertaken to consider every item which goes to make up the expense of power, from the cost of engine and of coal to the engineer's wages and the rent of the engine-room. With varying conditions, the items have varying effects upon the results, and that which might be worth serious consideration in Nevada, while vital questions there become insignificant on the seaboard. The theoretical investigations show that even the most economical points of cut-off, the speed of the engine and its proportions, may be determined as much by what would be termed the commercial aspects of the problem as by purely theoretical reasons.

In the discussion of the papers which we have mentioned, Mr. E. D. Leavitt, Jr., who has built some of the most economical engines ever constructed, speaking of the commercial side of the problem, remarked that he often met cases in which the saving made by high economy would not pay for the cost of obtaining it. There are frequent cases of small water works where a common steam pump is actually cheaper than the finest engine that could be built. It can be shown that there is probably no place in the country where a Cornish engine could be put at work and be a commercial success. Yet the Cornish engine works with extreme economy.

The discussion of belting, though highly scientific, was equally practical in its character, and was equally important. Mr. Nagle's paper aimed to get at a mathematical formula which should be at once strictly scientific and at the same time applicable, with accuracy under all the numberless variations found in actual practice. When we consider that probably nine-tenths of all the power developed in the country is transmitted by belts, we can easily see the immense importance of being able to calculate exactly the work which ought to be performed by any given belt under any given set of conditions.

In Mr. Hewitt's paper on the continuous rod mill of the Trenton Iron Company, we have the particulars of a case where the speed of a large Corliss engine has been brought up to a point never before attained, we believe, with an engine of this class. High speed means smaller engines, more power for less plant, and, of course, a less interest account. The circumstances, it is true, are exceptional, but the engine's performance shows that even a Corliss may be driven at the highest rates of piston speed without excessive wear and tear, and that these engines, often supposed by manufacturers to be suitable for use only where a gill edged engine room is possible, can be set up in a rolling mill and work for years with regularity.

In one of the discussions Mr. Hoadley mentioned a case which was particularly interesting to engineers, but which was likely to be overlooked entirely by mill owners and manufacturers generally, and yet possesses for them an equal interest. A pair of engines were put in for the purpose of keeping up the speed of a mill driven by four water wheels. Owing to obstructions, &c., the wheels frequently fall off in their duty, in which case the engines pick up their load and keep the speed steady. The exhaust steam from these engines is used in the dye-house, and for this purpose is kept up to a pressure of 13 pounds per square inch. The dye-house requires a large quantity of steam at a low pressure, and if the engines use it the only cost which they incur for fuel is that required to raise the steam from 13 to 45 pounds, and to provide for the losses by radiation and condensation in passing through the engines and steam

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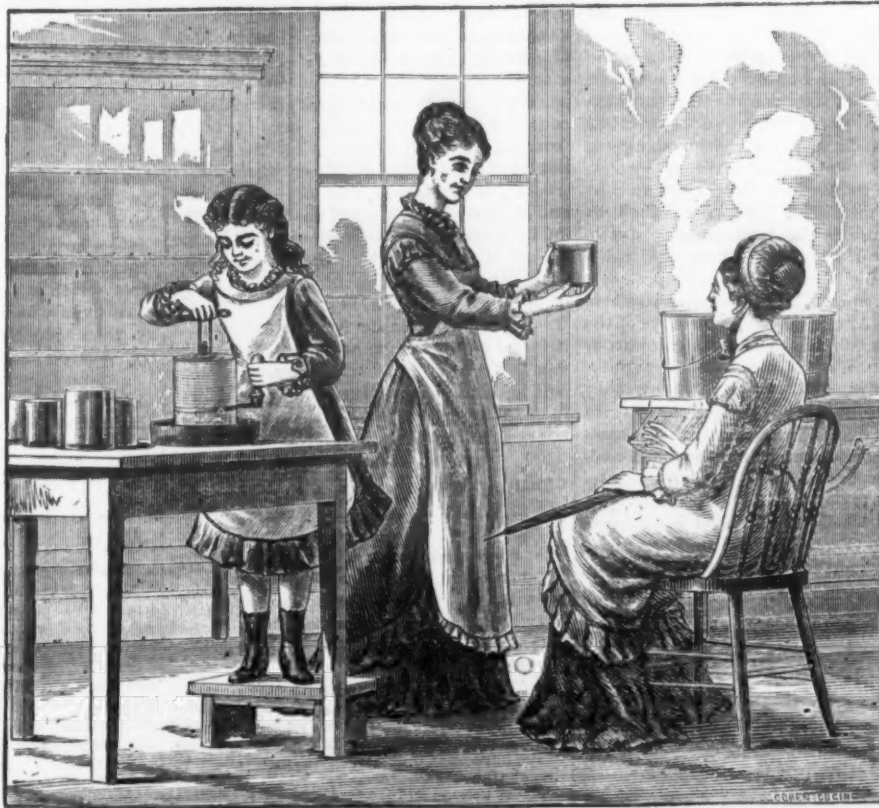
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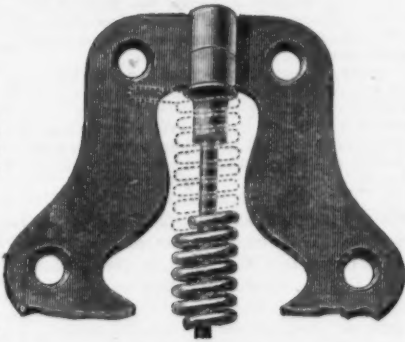
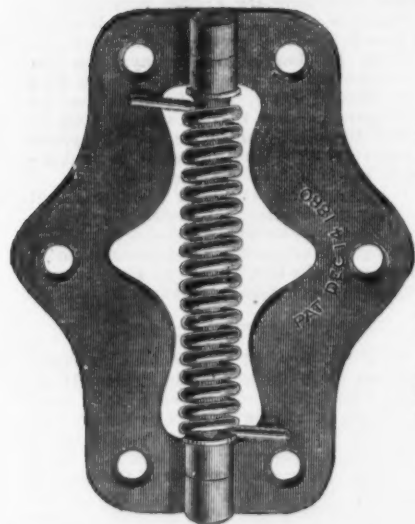
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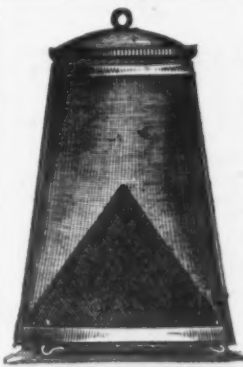
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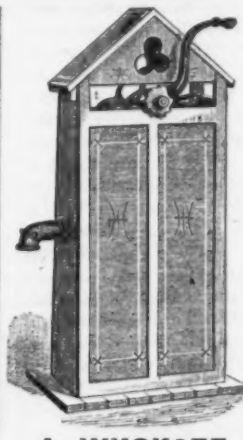
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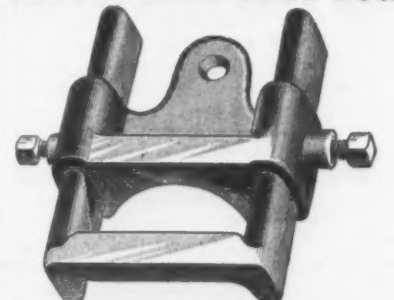


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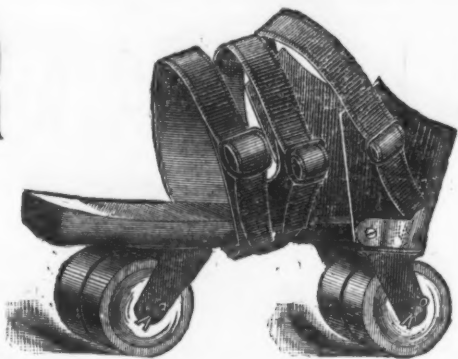
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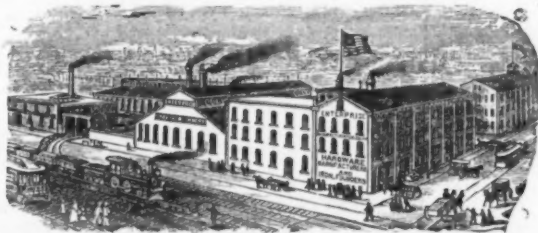
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RAMMERS.

For packing the sand into the flasks rammers of various shapes are used, but the one principally employed is that shown in Fig. 75. This rammer is made from 3 to 4 feet long, usually 3½; the butt or round end is made of cast iron or brass, and is from 3 to 4 inches in diameter and half an inch thick at the outer edge. In the center is a stem or socket, 4 or 5 inches long and 1¼ inches in diameter, with a hole in it 2 or 3 inches deep for the wooden handle. The pier or flat end is made about 3½ inches long by



Fig. 75.

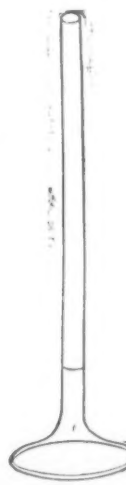


Fig. 76.



Fig. 77.

Practical Founding.—Rammers.

3 wide and ¾ inches thick, and is provided with a socket similar to that on the other end of the rammer and fitting the wooden handle. This end may be made of iron or brass, but when made of brass it should be steel-pointed, and when made of cast iron it should be chilled on the point to harden it and prevent it from wearing. The butt and pane are generally ground or turned perfectly smooth to prevent the sand from sticking to them. There are several little variations in the shape of these panes and butts, which are made according to the fancy of the molder, but their general outlines differ but little from those I have described. The flat or pane end of this rammer is used for ramming or panning the sand around the sides and ends of the flask, and along the sides of the cross bars to pack it solidly in all the little corners, so that the sand will not fall out when the cope is lifted from the drag, and the butt end is used for ramming or butting the sand in the drag and between the cross bars, where it can be gotten at readily and where it would take too much time to ram it with the pane end of the rammer. In Fig. 76 is shown a single-ended rammer, which is used by a great many stove molders through the East for butting off the drag instead of tramping it off, as is generally done in stove molding. The butt of this rammer is made of the same shape as that of the rammer Fig. 75, but it is heavier and from 6 to 7 inches in diameter, which is too large to ram between the bars of the cope; it is only used for ramming the drag. In Fig. 77 is shown the old-style rammer, which is still used in some foundries; it is made entirely of hard wood, and by some foundries the butt and point of the pane are plated with iron to prevent them from wearing, but others use them without plating. This rammer is very clumsy and inconvenient, and at the present time it is used only in small, out-of-the-way foundries, where it is not known that Tubal Cain is dead and that his style of rammer has been



Fig. 78.



Fig. 79.



Fig. 80.



Fig. 81.



Fig. 82.

Practical Founding.—Draw Hooks.

improved upon. In stove founding each molder furnishes his own rammer, and he generally takes great pride in keeping it clean and free from rust, so that the sand will not adhere to the pane or butt.

RIDDLES.

In stove founding the common round riddles, about 18 or 20 inches in diameter and 4 inches deep, are used for riddling the first sand upon the pattern. These riddles may be made of iron or brass wire, but one brass riddle, if properly made, will outlast three iron riddles, for the latter soon rust and give way round the sides and across the supporting wires, and they are then worthless for foundry use, while the brass riddle will last until it is worn full of holes from actual use. The fineness or coarseness of the riddles used in stove founding depends upon the quality of work to be made, but the numbers generally used are from 4 to 10. In some foundries each molder uses only one riddle, which is generally a No. 5; but in most of the large stove foundries, where first-class work is made, two riddles are usually employed by each molder—one fine one, a No. 8 or 10, for riddling the first sand on the face side of the pattern, and a coarse one, a No. 4 or 5, for riddling a body of sand over the sand riddled on the face of the pattern, and for riddling the sand on the cope side of the pattern. By thus using fine and coarse riddles, far better castings can be made with less trouble than with one fine riddle; for, when

a very fine riddle is used, it takes considerable time and hard labor to riddle a proper amount of sand on the pattern, and the molder, if a little behind, will often not riddle a sufficient amount of sand to cover the pattern properly before he shovels the unriddled sand into the flask. Hard lumps of sand may thus be thrown on the pattern causing a scar or blow-hole on the casting, while, if the molder had two riddles the coarse riddle would break up the hard lumps of sand. Better work can be made with a coarse riddle when a proper amount of sand is riddled on the pattern, than can be made with a fine riddle when there is not enough sand riddled on the pattern.

DRAW-HOOKS.

This is the name given to the hooks with which the patterns are drawn from the sand. The shape of these hooks varies little in different parts of the country. In Fig. 73 is shown the style of hook generally used through the West. It is made of ½-inch wrought iron, the ring is solid and welded to the shank, and the shank is tapered down to a point and a small hook is formed on one side of it, as shown. When this hook is used, a draw-hole is made in the pattern near the center, into which the small end of the draw-hook is inserted when it is desired to draw the pattern from the sand, the pattern being steadied upon the hook by resting the thumb and forefinger upon it.

Fig. 79 represents the hook generally used through the East. It is made of the same size as the other, but, in place of the hook on the end of it, it has a square shank or foot, and, instead of a draw-hole in the pattern, the small piece, Fig. 80, is riveted or brazed on the pattern. This way of making a draw-hook and arranging the pattern is far better than the other, for the hook fits more solidly into the pattern. It is not so difficult to hold the pattern steady when drawing it from the sand, and the face of the mold is not torn up as it is when a draw-hole is made through the pattern and the point of the draw-hook allowed to project through it. With this arrangement a more perfect face can be given to the casting, for it is almost impossible to fill up the hole made in the face of the mold by the point of the draw-hook, so that it will not show on the face of the casting. With this arrangement, the only stopping up of the draw-hole necessary is on the cope side, and it takes less time to stop it up, for it does not make any difference if it is a little rough on that side. This draw-hook is the best in use for stove plate, and the one that is being generally adopted by stove foundries.

In some foundries no draw-hooks are used for small patterns, a small lug or projection about 1 inch long being made on the cope side of the pattern to serve as a handle for drawing it from the sand, and the mold made in the cope by this handle being stopped up with sand or the handle broken off the casting. These small handles are better than a draw-hook for drawing the pattern, but they can be used only on small, light patterns, for the molders cannot lift a large pattern steadily by so short a handle. The handle should not be made over an inch long, for it would interfere with the making of the cope side of the mold, and make it more difficult to lift the sand from around it in the cope.

The draw-hooks are generally used for rapping the patterns to loosen them from the sand before they are drawn from the mold, and as patterns are often broken by rapping them too hard with a heavy draw-hook, several attempts have been made to get up a draw-hook with which a pattern could not be broken. Figs. 81 and 82 represent two draw-hooks designed for this purpose. In Fig. 81 is shown a mallet draw-hook; the shank is made like that of an ordinary draw-hook of either of the styles already described, and, in place of the iron ring on the end, a small wooden mallet is put on. This draw-hook is very good for rapping the pattern, but it is not so good for drawing it from the sand, for the ring on the end of a draw-hook is designed to rest against the palm of the hand, and assist in holding the draw-hook steady, so that the pattern may be drawn steadily from the mold. Now, if the mallet is made large enough to be of any service for rapping the pattern, it cannot be held in the hand, and the shank must be made so long that the mallet will stand clear of the hand. But the round shank will roll in the hand and cannot be held steady, and for this reason it is difficult to get the molders to use this draw-hook, and it is but little used. In Fig. 82 is shown another style of draw-hook for rapping the pattern; it is made entirely of steel, and the ring is made a little larger and lighter than that on an ordinary hook, and open on one side, as shown, so that it will spring when it strikes the pattern. This is a very good hook for rapping, and it is used in many foundries. I believe it is patented by a molder who lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., and who sells shop or individual rights.

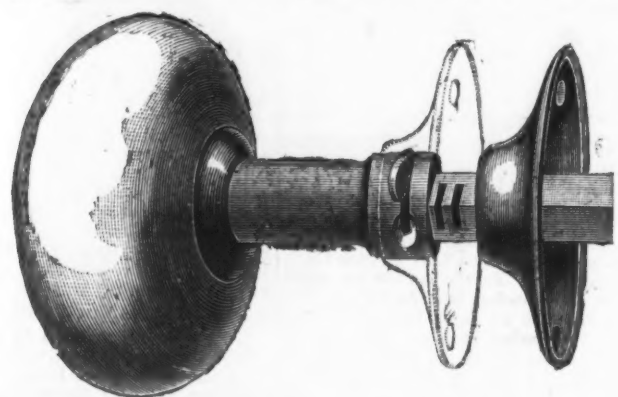
The Mexican Minister on Commercial Relations.

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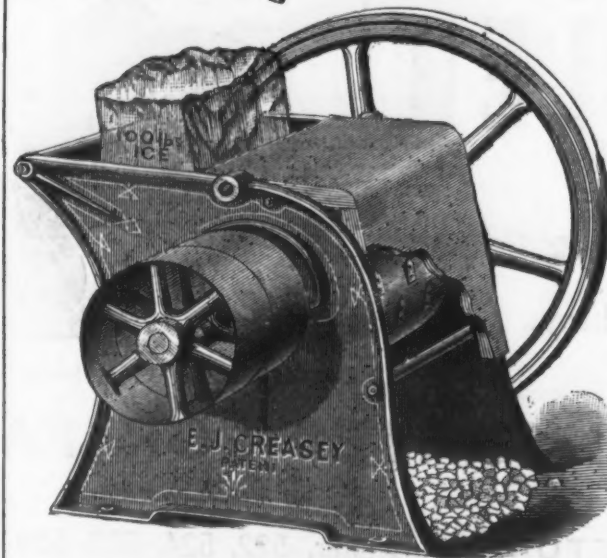
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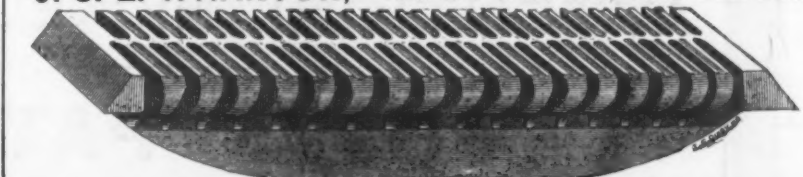
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The imports of cotton goods into Mexico had increased from 1876 to 1878 from 1000 to 3074 packages. To estimate the results of the Centennial Exhibition on mankind, it would be necessary to take a journey around the world. Arrangements are now being made to export to this country from Mexico the raw material of the Agave plant, of which excellent paper can be made, and which grows wild in profusion there. The great defect has been the want of transportation, but the railroads now being constructed will remedy this. Their construction invites the attention of all who are interested in extending the foreign trade of the United States. The gates of Mexico will soon be thrown open, and the people here should lose no time in assisting in developing local trade. Much has been accomplished in that direction, but much more remains to be done. It was a glorious thing to see two nations, heretofore estranged, actuated by a sudden impulse of fraternity and reconciliation. The result will be that Mexico will secure the best market for her products, but she will also profit by the setting in of a current of American ideas, including the sound principles of republican institutions. He rejoiced to hear daily in this country expressions of hope for the perpetuation of the Mexican Republic. All that is now needed is a consolidation of the two systems of railroads, and the locomotives, which drive away wild beasts, will drive away all feelings of animosity between the two countries.

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ON THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF STEEL SHIPBUILDING.

Mr. Denny held that the estimate of Mr. Martell of the saving on the weight of iron required in building a steamer of steel was too sanguine. Mr. Martell had placed the reduction at 18 per cent. The experience of his firm had been that the saving averaged 13½ per cent., and to prove it Mr. Denny gives the invoice iron weight of a spar-decked steamer of about 4000 tons, gross. Giving the iron all the advantage, the difference in cost in its favor would be £3574. As the weight of iron actually worked into the iron steamer was 2123 tons, and the weight of steel and iron worked into the steel steamer was 1847 tons, there would be a difference in favor of the latter of 276 tons, which would be the increase of dead weight capacity. At present prices for material and present rates of freight, the increased price would pay itself in two or three years. Mr. Denny gave calculations and details that a similarly favorable result would be obtained with smaller steamers of a plainer type.

After expressing the conviction that the price of steel would be further reduced, Mr. Denny spoke as follows on the future of steel in shipbuilding: "As to the future of steel, I think even those who up to this point have been its opponents, must admit that there can be very little doubt of its prospects. It has much in its favor, and requires only some little self-restraint and self-denial on the part of steel manufacturers to bring about its ultimate and complete success. If these gentlemen, instead of trying to claim for themselves, as they sometimes do, a specialty in the manufacture, would set their whole energies to the reduction of the cost of the material, and at the same time to the perfection of its quality, there would be little doubt about the future. Steel of an unreliable quality has been made, and may be made in the future; but it will be, as in the past, the exception, and I believe in every succeeding year a rarer exception. So far steel has fought its way in the face of many doubts and difficulties, and has gradually acquired the confidence of the public in the main points of facility of workmanship and of reliability. I believe this reliability will in the future, when it becomes sufficiently appreciated, enable a steel ship to be insured at a less cost than an iron ship, as the risk she runs either in collision or in grounding or running on a rock is very much less. In a paper I had the honor to read before the Institution of Naval Architects last year, I gave an example of this in the case of the Rotomahana, a steamer built by us for service in New Zealand. According to the opinion of competent judges, had this vessel been built of iron, she would have been a total loss, instead of being, after running upon a rock, not only sound and watertight, but very easily repaired. The facts as to the economics of the subject which I have had the honor of bringing before you on this occasion, prove that upon this point steel has in the higher class of steamers a clear advantage, and that even

in the case of heavy cargo carriers of moderate speed the advantage is decided. It is scarcely credible that the makers of steel, who up to this date have shown such enterprise and skill, will permit the question to remain for any length of time in a state of doubt. It is rather to be expected that they will see that a moderate cost of production, combined with excellence of quality, is the whole secret of their future. If we turn to the records of Lloyds, we find that during the last three years the progress of steel shipbuilding has been of even a more rapid nature than might have been anticipated. In 1878 there were classed at Lloyds 4500 tons gross of steel shipping; in 1879 this amount rose to 16,000 tons gross, and last year to 35,400 tons gross, showing that in three years the output of steel shipping classed at Lloyds had increased eight times. This year on the 1st January Lloyds had building to class 83,000 tons of steel vessels, and throughout the United Kingdom, inclusive of the above, 114,000 tons of steel vessels were known to be building.

"Regarding steel there has been only one doubt raised this year, and that is as to its corrosion. My opinion is that the doubts and fears on this head have been largely exaggerated. Theoretically there may seem cause to dread such corrosion, but the history of steel ships up to this date affords little ground for the opinion. Of the steel vessels built by my firm, only one, and that a small twin-screw, has been reported as in any way showing even a symptom of corrosion. That this was purely exceptional is shown by the fact that several other steamers of the same material have been running in the same waters, and with the most satisfactory results, no more mention of corrosion being made even in the case of the original steamer. Of the seagoing steamers built by my firm, only one has shown any corrosion, and that has not been in the steel, but in the iron stern frame and rudder forgings and in some small iron plates on the rudder, the large steel plates of the rudder, which is of steel, being perfectly free from corrosion."

As in all discussions before a body like the Iron and Steel Institute, the points touched upon were numerous, and while valuable information was elicited, minor details were chiefly dwelt upon. In regard to the relative corrosion of iron and steel, much evidence was given in favor of steel. Mr. Snelus thought that pitting, notably in plates manufactured many years ago, was due to an excess of and an unequal distribution of manganese in the metal, while Mr. White, speaking for the Admiralty, stated that in order to avoid the corrosion induced by the galvanic action between the steel and the layer of scale on it, they picked the plates at the Royal Navy yards. As to the price of steel plates, Mr. Snelus pointed out that steel makers were laboring under one disadvantage. They began with a steel plate with an ingot worth £5 per ton, and it took about 32 cwt. of ingots to make a ton of finished plates, including sketch plates. There was a considerable portion of that material at £5 per ton which went back to the melting furnace at, perhaps, £3 per ton. Now that was different in the case of iron. They began with a puddled bar at £4 per ton, and the scrap became a No. 2 iron, which was worth more than the puddled bar, and, therefore, the steel manufacturers were not in as good a condition in respect to the cost of plate, unless they could find an outlet for the scrap nearer to an ingot than they could at present put upon it.

Other points touched upon during the discussion were the necessity of putting more "work" into steel plates, and the importance of close testing.

As we have already called attention to the importance of a paper read by Mr. Alexander E. Tucker, Rhymney, we make room for it here:

A NEW METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF OXYGEN IN IRON AND STEEL.

The principle and practice of both steel and puddling processes, as well as the subsequent mill practice, render it somewhat probable that oxygen in the form of oxide may often exist in the manufactured product, and that many cases of red-shortness, and even failures when cold, may be properly ascribed to an excess of oxygen. There is, I believe, no method for determining oxygen which can be used for technical work, except that of Mr. Bettel, recently published, whose system seems more applicable to the determination of cinder in iron. The method to be described is a development of what is now an important part of the basic process, and I may add that it was at the suggestion of my friend, Mr. Gilchrist, that I pursued such a line of experiment. The method has the advantage of great simplicity, though the time occupied is somewhat long. It is based on the following grounds: If an iron or steel containing oxygen be melted in contact with pure charcoal, a removal of oxygen and an absorption of carbon will take place, and if we weigh the iron before and after the experiment, and estimate the carbon before and after the experiment, we have data from which we can estimate the oxygen originally present in the steel.

The first consideration in experimenting on this process was, could 1000 grs. of steel be melted without serious alteration in weight? To test this point, I melted 900 grs. of the product obtained from a previous experiment, and from which, therefore, the oxygen was removed. The button weighed 899.78, showing a loss which, as it would come out as oxygen, was too great. I noticed, however, that the greater part of this loss was due to a little of the molten steel being projected on the lid of the crucible. I therefore placed a disk of thick filter-paper on the top of the drillings to be tested, and covered this with a little charcoal. This plan much reduced the loss, and on burning the carbon cover in a muffle, I obtained 0.15 of FeO_2 ; on adding this as iron to the button, I obtained a loss of only two hundredths on 900 grs. of metal, of course calculating from the carbon absorbed by the steel.

The following may be taken as an average of three experiments which give 0.288, 0.280, and 0.300 of FeO in a sample of burnt steel:

1000 grs. of burnt steel of 0.281 C.....grs.	2.810
1018.56 (weight of button) of 2.160 C.....grs.	22.000
Gain due to C. absorbed.....	19.190
Add original weight.....	1019.190
Deduct actual weight.....	1018.560
Oxygen removed.....	.630
Or as FeOper cent.	0.288

A sample of blown metal gave 0.68 per cent. of oxygen = 3.09 FeO . Another sample of blown metal gave 1.71, 1.74, 1.69 of oxygen.

The details of the process are as follows: I brasque a plumbago crucible (Morgan's) with charcoal containing under 1 per cent. of ash. The charcoal is flour-fine, and on damping with water containing a little sugar and well ramming, makes a lining which will serve by a little patching for many meltings. I use a Fletcher gas furnace, and the time occupied in melting 1000 grs. of steel is under half an hour, starting with a red-hot furnace. It is well to prolong the melting, in order that the button may be dead melted and the carbon be absorbed sufficiently to yield a friable button, somewhat similar to rich ferromanganese in fracture and just about as friable. When cold, the button is weighed and crushed fine in a steel mortar. Two carbons by combustion are then commenced, one of the original metal and another of the melted product. By using 100 grs. of the former and 20 of the latter, and five times as much double chloride of copper and ammonium with the former, the steels may be got to dissolve perfectly in half an hour. I then filter through the combustion tube, and after well washing from all trace of copper, put the two tubes in an inclined metal tube over the combustion furnace. They dry very quickly, and the combustion may be proceeded with in the ordinary way. I have found it necessary to pass the oxygen very slowly over the carbon.* I have added pure oxide of iron to steel and tested the process as above. The results, as might be expected, leave nothing to be desired. I think it proper to add that I have only experimented on this method, but the results obtained have been so satisfactory that I am induced to publish them.

In experimenting on this matter I had occasion to try to oxidize steel, the sample being silicious steel, containing 0.26 of silicon. I tried various methods with gaseous oxygen, but all to no purpose. I passed oxygen over it in a boat at a red heat. I then put in a Fletcher furnace, and kept it at a white heat for several hours, sending oxygen on to it through a tobacco-pipe, which bent with the heat; the steel was slightly melted at the edges of the drillings, and the gain in weight was only a fraction of what it ought to have been. I next tried the effect of heat and pressure, and exposed the boat containing the steel to a good red heat and a pressure of 3 inches of mercury. The oxidation, though much increased, was only about 30 per cent. of what it should have been. It then occurred to me that I had carefully dried the oxygen. I therefore interposed a flask of boiling water by a T-piece, when the iron immediately burnt off, fusing the asbestos on which it was placed. When using pressure as above, I opened the end connected with the gauge, a U-tube. A flash immediately occurred in the combustion tube and its connections. After a few minutes I opened it again, and another flash occurred. I repeated this three times, after which I failed to obtain the flash. I think the explanation of this fact to be that the steel contains hydrogen. On heating, the hydrogen was evolved, and drove the oxygen from the place of ignition; the tube when red hot was filled with hydrogen, and by letting some escape an explosive mixture was brought over the red-hot part of the tube. This would form a very pretty lecture experiment.

Two conclusions seem derivable from these experiments: First, that certain steels may resist oxidation to a remarkable extent; and, secondly, that steel may require the presence of moisture or other media before it is attacked by oxygen. I may add, that I think practice and theory indicate that silicon retards oxidation, and I propose making experiments to determine this point.

Mr. Sergius Kern, of St. Petersburg, read the following paper

ON THE MANUFACTURE OF STEEL AND STEEL PLATES IN RUSSIA.

The greatest steel works in Russia are, without doubt, those of Obouchoff, situated near St. Petersburg. They manufacture, besides guns, which are their specialty, tires, ingots for the production of boiler-making and shipbuilding, and steel plates, which are mostly rolled at the Nevsky Works, also at St. Petersburg, as the Obouchoff Works have not the requisite rolling mills. The latter works are very extensive, and their growth must be directly attributed to their able management, for many years, by Capt. Kolokoltzoff, a member of this Institute.

I propose in this paper to communicate to the members of the Institute a short description of the method of working the Siemens-Martin furnaces at Obouchoff. The plant at these works consists of two 10-ton furnaces, without muffles or auxiliary furnaces for the previous heating of the scrap, the top ends of ingots, &c., of which the charge is composed.

The gas producers are arranged so that one part of them may be fired by wood and another by coal. The ladle turn-table is controlled by hand, and the molds are placed on a semicircular elevation.

The ingots which are cast at present are used for the rolling of tires and plates, mostly for shipbuilding. The charge is introduced into the furnace in a cold state at once, and very often pieces of steel (top ends of ingots) weighing about two tons are introduced, with other scrap and waste ingot ends. The average weight of the total charge is from 8 to 9 tons.

The charging of the furnace is completed in 1 to 1½ hours, and a full supply of gas melts the steel, if all is going on well, in 3½

* I may here note that when a Sprengel pump is available, it would be far better, in point of accuracy and rapidity, to adopt Mr. Parry's plan of measuring the CO_2 instead of weighing it. The apparatus is simpler than that required for a combustion. The details and experiments of this method are described in the *Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute* for 1874.

to 4 hours,* when about 1 to 1½ cwt. of ferromanganese is added. After this a sample is taken, and the usual forging and tempering tests are made. In case the metal has not attained the desired degree of softness, after some 20 to 25 minutes another test is taken; but, in most cases, it is found better to add at once a certain quantity of good iron ore (magnetic or brown) in the form of a powder. The reaction which then takes place soon brings the molten metal to the desired degree of softness. Before casting, a certain quantity of ferromanganese is again added (usually about ¾ to 1½ cwt.). The loss in the process varies from 7 to 9 per cent.

The whole process of making open-hearth steel in our furnaces, reckoning from the commencement of the charging till the tapping, occupies from 5 to 6 hours for medium steel (tires), and about 7 to 7½ hours for soft steel (plates). In 1 to 1½ hours after the casting is over, the furnace is ready for another charge.

As to the burning out of the manganese during the process of tapping the steel, I have made some experiments which may be of interest. The results are appended:

Tests from the furnace.		Tests from the tire.	
Carbon.	Manganese	Carbon.	Manganese
Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
A.....0.50	0.65	A.....0.50	0.36
B.....0.45	0.59	B.....0.45	0.24
C.....0.42	0.55	C.....0.41	0.22
D.....0.32	0.66	D.....0.32	0.30

I also annex some analyses of the raw materials used for steel making, as well as analyses of finished steel and tests of steel plates.

I may add that the usual mode of testing by taking samples out of the furnace is difficult to rely upon, and metallurgical engineers would be glad to have at command some efficient means by which they would be enabled to know quickly the percentage of carbon in the molten metal, as the Bessemer steel maker has in using the spectroscopic. Various instruments have been from time to time devised, but they have all been found to be rather impracticable.

AVERAGE CHARGE FOR TIRES.

	CWTS.
Steel scrap.....	176
Ladle scrap.....	8
Pig iron.....	8

AVERAGE CHARGE FOR PLATES.

	CWTS.
Steel scrap.....	115
Ladle scrap.....	1
Ends and shearings of steel plates.....	25
Pig iron.....	7

CAST IRON USED (FROM SWEDEN).		Per cent.
Graphite.....	0.05	
Silicon.....	0.21	
Sulphur.....	0.01	
Phosphorus.....	0.02	
Manganese.....	10.34	
Copper.....	0.03	
Carbon.....	4.52	

STEEL SCRAP.

	I.	II.
Carbon.....	Per cent.	Per cent.
A.....0.45	0.55	0.35
Graphite.....	0.02	0.14
Silicon.....	0.15	0.02
Manganese.....	0.13	0.30
Sulphur.....	0.01	0.02
Phosphorus.....	0.02	0.03
Copper.....	0.01	traces

The contents of the various elements found in the shearings of the steel plates are nearly the same as in Scrap No. II, but the carbon varies from 0.17 per cent. to 0.25 per cent.

SIEMENS-MARTIN STEEL.

Tires.		Plates.	
Carbon.	Manganese.	Carbon.	Manganese.
Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
A.....0.45	0.28	A.....0.38	0.15
B.....0.41	0.24	B.....0.16	0.15
C.....0.52	0.30	C.....0.17	0.17
D.....0.45	0.33	D.....0.18	0.14
E.....0.37	0.22	E.....0.22	0.28

TEST OF STEEL PLATES.—UNANNEALED.

Carbon.	Manganese.	Tons per sq. inch.	Elongation.
Per cent.	Per cent.	Breaking strain.	Over 8 inch.
Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
A.....0.17	0.33	29.30	20.50
B.....0.22	0.27	28.72	20.00
C.....0.26	0.24	33.83	15.25

ANNEALED.

The contents of carbon and manganese in this case are the same as recorded above, and follow each other in the same order.	26.65	22.00
	27.00	22.00
	27.57	21.87

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

An English paper gives the following as a recipe used in Sheffield for

BLEACHING IVORY FOR CUTLERY HANDLES.

The mode of procedure is as follows: Place, say, 2 quarts of peroxide of hydrogen in a stone pot, adding 4 oz. liq. ammon. fort. 880 degrees, immerse the handles, and put over a common shop stove for 24 to 36 hours; the handles are then taken out and gradually dried in the air, not too quickly, or they would split. The deep color of the ivory is removed and a beautiful pearly-white ivory results when polished. The ivory is previously treated with a solution of common soda, to get rid of greasy matter and open the pores.

M. Raoul Pictet, of Geneva, so well known for his discoveries relating to the liquefaction of gases, announces the discovery of a method of

DISTILLING ALCOHOL BY ICE.

Two kilograms of ice are needed for the production of a liter of alcohol; that is, for the distillation of 110 gallons of alcohol, a little less than a ton of ice will be required. The cost of production will include only coal for working the steam engine which drives the air-pump and the sulphuric acid, the evaporation of which produces the ice. M. Pictet declares that this will notably diminish the expense of distillation, and suggests that the excise on alcohol should be proportionally increased.

At a recent meeting of the French Acad.

* Steel for tyres and various forgings.

emy of Sciences, MM. Cailliet and Haute-feuille read a communication on researches made by them relating to

THE LIQUEFACTION OF GASEOUS MIXTURES.

Operating with a gas easily liquefiable and a so called permanent gas in capillary tubes, total liquefaction (yielding a homogeneous liquid) is obtained by first compressing the mixture at a temperature so high that the strongest pressures prove powerless to abolish the gaseous state, then lowering the temperature regularly, so that all points of the tube pass at the same time through the temperature at which is produced a change of state. The authors thus obtained condensed carbonic acid, holding a large proportion of oxygen, hydrogen or nitrogen, these latter substances concurring to form the liquid, though the temperature was too high for them to exist separately in that state. The results of experiment with cyanogen and carbonic acid are analyzed. The assimilation—generally very imperfect—of solution of a gas to its liquefaction probably here applies. The mixture retains its characters at temperatures considerably above that corresponding to the critical point of its less easily liquefied element.

Recently, Prof. W. L. Dudley, of Cincinnati, called attention in a lecture to the Holland process for

WORKING AND MOLDING IRIDIUM.

After the metal is brought to a high heat and phosphorus added it is cast into any desired form, and the phosphorus is removed finally by heating the metal again in a chalk bath. It is like steel in appearance, but is nearly as hard as the ruby. Acids cannot injure it nor can rust consume it. As the negative carbon in the electric arc it was used for 60 hours without any loss in weight or change in form. This metal is so refractory that it cannot be hammered into shape when hot, and it resists the file. When in the way above stated it is molded into the form, as near as may be, of the article required, it is ground or cut to the finished state by copper disks revolving at a high velocity, on which emery and water are poured.

The Edison Recording Gauge.

At a recent meeting of the Polytechnic Club of the American Institute, Mr. M. B. Edison presented some facts of interest respecting recording steam gauges and speed recorders, which we condense as follows:

In opening, the speaker took up the great dangers arising from the use of steam, and pointed out many of the methods by which they might be avoided by care and an intelligent regard for well-known laws. In cities where boilers are found beneath the sidewalks of almost every down-town block, the danger to the public can hardly be estimated.

The advantages of an automatic tracing showing the variations of pressure, whether in a water main, a tank or a steam boiler, were presented, yet, great as they are, they are hardly recognized by mechanical engineers in general.

In the case of steam boilers the automatic record has a double value—it is a check upon the fireman, and an unimpeachable witness if he has done his duty. To the intelligent owner it gives a better insight into the workings of his engine room and fire room than he could obtain if he should attempt to make a continuous record for himself during a given period of 24 hours. As a means for locating the blame in case of accident or dispute it is invaluable, and gives a record which may be of the greatest service both to the engineer and the owner.

A number of large, finely shaded diagrams were shown illustrating the construction of the recording gauge. In the gauges made by the speaker a very marked feature was the use of a 6-inch corrugated diaphragm, in which the corrugations increase in size from the center outward, and are not made in a plane, but have their axes in a curved line when seen in section. This gives a great advantage in making the spaces swept over by the pointer sensibly equal for equal increments of pressure. This improvement in the manufacture of disks for this purpose, the invention of the speaker's son was unfortunately not patented, and when it becomes known will no doubt be widely adopted. In general, if we find a gauge with a dial plate so divided that spaces are nearly equal, we may consider that it is fairly good.

In the recording gauge, owing to the very large size of the disks, the travel is very large, amounting to some three sixteenths of an inch in all. The disk is backed or lined by thin annealed brass, which protects it from the action of the water and steam. Phosphor-bronze will answer very well for the same purpose; copper is not so good. With a large travel it needs a comparatively small amount of multiplication to obtain the desired traverse at the end of the pointer. In this case the multiplication fraction is only four or five, while with small diaphragms it is often as much as 18 or even 20. A simple bell-crank gives the pointer its motion, and a long connecting rod carried from the same crank actuates the recording mechanism. A chronometer movement drives a continuous band of paper, on which the record is made. To avoid the difficulties encountered in making a long roll of paper deliver continuously at a fixed rate of speed, provision is made for removing the 24 hours' record at noon of each day.

The speed indicator in some respects seems to be one of the most important instruments needed upon railroads. Described in a few words, it consists of an apparatus like a Pickering governor, which is used to drive the recording apparatus and move a pointer at the same time. The chart or paper is carried by a clock movement. When in operation the apparatus is driven by a V-belt from the shaft of the engine or the driving axle of the locomotive. Sometimes, when so desired, the speed recorder is provided with a steam gauge also, and the pressure of steam is thus recorded at the same time as the speed.

The induction balance of Prof. Hughes lends itself well to a little piece of conjuring, as was recently shown by M. Hospitalier, at a soirée in the Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers. The performer, behind a screen, apparently, which conceals also the main

Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE, 1
WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 25, 1881.

It is announced from Washington that the limit of \$250,000,000 five per cent. registered bonds which the Secretary offered for the extension at 3½ per cent. has been reached. The extended 6 per cent. are selling freely at 104 @ 104½. Stimulated by the success of the scheme for extending the redeemable bonds at a lower rate of interest, the continued liberal demand from abroad for American securities and other indications of monetary ease, the stock market through the week under review has advanced, with some irregularities; reaction in each instance was speedily recovered. Government bonds were strong, large purchases being made for investment, and 6's and 5's advanced 1½ per cent. The option to extend the 6's of 1881 expired on Friday. State bonds have been irregular, but generally strong, Tennessee issues being the most active. Railroad bonds were strong. A feature on Tuesday was a sale of over \$1,000,000 par value, of Boston, Hartford & Erie firsts, closing at 69. The posted rates for bankers' sterling were advanced to \$4.85 for 60 days and \$4.87 for sight. The demand for commercial paper continues good. We quote 60 to 90 days, indorsed bills receivable, 4 @ 4½ per cent.; good single names, 4 to 6 months to run, 4½ @ 5½ per cent. Call loans, 2 @ 3½ per cent. The weekly bank statement showed an increase of \$1,921,375 in the surplus reserve.

The bank return for the week shows a gain of \$1,921,375 in surplus reserve, which now stands at \$16,738,575, against \$13,919,975 at this time last year, and \$5,250,900 at the corresponding period in 1879.

The importations of specie and bullion at this port during the week ending May 21 were \$138,910, consisting of \$66,888 in gold and \$72,022 in silver, as against a total of \$248,222 for the week ending May 22 last year. The importations since the 1st of January and since the 1st of August compare as follows with the movement during the corresponding periods last year:

	Since January 1, 1881.	1880.
Gold.....	\$28,080,305	\$1,259,408
Silver.....	1,287,951	2,307,981
Total.....	\$29,368,256	\$3,567,389
	Since August 1, 1881.	1879-80.
Gold.....	\$96,359,273	\$76,287,380
Silver.....	3,758,602	5,285,495
Total.....	\$100,117,875	\$81,572,875

As above noted, government bonds are strong. Railroad bonds advanced through almost the entire list, the principal changes being as follows:

New York Central, 2; Canada Southern, 2½; Western Union, 3½; Northwest, 4½; Northwestern preferred, 3½; St. Paul, 6; New Jersey Central, 2; Central Pacific, 4½; Lake Shore, 3½; Columbus, Chicago & Indiana Central, 2; Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis, 2½; Rock Island, 2; Michigan Central, 3; Illinois Central, 2½; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 5; Hannibal and St. Joseph, preferred, 4½; Northern Pacific, preferred, 4½.

It is announced that as soon as legal obstructions to telegraph consolidation are removed, the \$80,000,000 capital will be dealt in on the exchanges of New York and London.

The following is an analysis of the bank totals of this week compared with that of last week:

	May 14.	May 21.	Comparison.
Loans.....	\$317,700,000	\$324,120,000	Inc. \$6,420,000
Specie.....	76,887,700	80,118,500	Inc. 3,230,800
Legal t'd'rs	17,134,100	17,803,000	Inc. 668,900
Total reserve	94,021,800	98,041,500	Inc. 4,019,700
Deposits.....	316,818,400	326,078,500	Inc. 9,260,100
Reserve re-quired.....	79,204,600	81,659,925	Inc. 2,455,325
Surplus.....	14,817,200	16,381,575	Inc. 1,564,375
Circulation.....	18,596,900	19,135,300	Inc. 538,400

Government bonds at the close were quoted as follows, the market having been strong:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 6's 1881 registered.....	100½	100½
U. S. 6's 1881 coupon.....	100½	100½
U. S. 5's 1881 registered.....	100½	100½
U. S. 5's 1881 coupon.....	100½	100½
U. S. 4½'s 1881 registered.....	116½	116½
U. S. 4½'s 1881 coupon.....	116½	116½
U. S. 4's 1897 registered.....	117½	117½
U. S. 4's 1897 coupon.....	117½	117½
U. S. Currency 6s 1896.....	113	113
U. S. Currency 6s 1897.....	113	113
U. S. Currency 6s 1898.....	113	113
U. S. Currency 6s 1899.....	113	113
"Windom".....	104	104½

MINING STOCKS.

The following were the closing quotations for Mining Stocks:

	Bid.	Asked.
Amie.....	50	50
Alice.....	7.12½	7.12½
Alta Mont.....	1.05	1.05
American Flag.....	95	95
Bechtel.....	55	55
Bassick.....	9.75	9.75
Bonanza C.....	95	95
Boston C.....	12	12
Buckeye.....	12	12
Big Pittsburgh.....	2.80	2.80
Bull Dom.....	2.25	2.40
Bulwer.....	3.20	3.20
Boulder C.....	85	85
Calaveras.....	16	17
Cale. B. H.....	1.65	1.65
California.....	1.25	1.25
Climax.....	67	67
Crescent.....	1.50	1.50
Consolidated Virginia.....	2.25	2.25
Consolidated Imperial.....	2.25	2.25
Consolidated Pacific.....	2.25	2.25
Chrysolite.....	5.50	5.50
Catalpa.....	2.00	2.00
Cherokee.....	1.75	1.75
Dunkin.....	1.55	1.55
Dunderberg.....	85	1.00
Dahlonga.....	6	8
Eureka C.....	32.00	32.00
Findley.....	27	27
Fa. Desmet.....	8.75	9.50
Great Eastern.....	22	23

Gold Stripe.....	2.60	2.70
Goodshaw.....	52	55
G. Prize.....	7	7
Granville.....	70	70
Green Mountain.....	5.87½	5.87½
Hibernia.....	1.10	1.15
Hutell.....	1.05	1.10
Hortense.....	50	50
Iron Silver.....	1.05	1.05
Lacrosse.....	35	35
Leadville.....	1.55	1.60
L. Chief.....	1.35	1.40
Little Pitts.....	4.30	4.30
Mariposa.....	5.25	5.25
Mar. Pref.....	7.00	7.00
Moore.....	1.30	1.30
Moore Silver.....	1.55	1.55
Miner Boy.....	1.15	1.20
Navajo.....	87	90
North Stan.....	12	15
Ori. and Mil.....	3.15	3.20
Pumas.....	85	1.50
Red Eleph.....	20	24
Rappah k.....	20	20
R. Sun.....	2.65	2.80
Robinson.....	10.50	10.50
South Hite.....	1.00	1.10
S. Bulwer.....	30	30
San Pedro.....	4.45	4.45
S. Nev.....	5.87½	6.00
Silver Cliff.....	2.25	2.35
Sutro.....	1.80	4.00
Spring Val.....	1.80	4.00
Susacra.....	12	12
Unadilla.....	12	12

GENERAL HARDWARE.

The week under review has been rather quiet in the Hardware trade, although manufacturers are very busy on back orders. We hear considerable complaint of scarcity in many lines of goods; this is especially noticeable in Mechanics' Tools, the demand for which has been very heavy and still is active. No changes of importance in values are announced.

Foreign Hardware is in fair request, and stocks of leading goods are reported light, with assortments in many lines broken. Some fair importation orders for Edge Tools and English and German Dividers and kindred goods have been placed during the week.

The demand for Nails is somewhat better this week, but still it is not as active as it usually is during May. The tone of the market is firm at \$3.05 @ \$3.15, net, for rod, to 60d., according to quantity.

Sargent & Company give notice that they have reduced the price of Tinned Hammock Hooks to the same list as the Galvanized. The list prices are now as follows:

	Per doz.
No. 37, Galvanized, with Plate.....	\$4.25
No. 38, Tinned, with Plate.....	4.25
No. 37, Galvanized, with Screw.....	4.00
No. 38, Tinned, with Screw.....	4.00

The discounts remain as before.

Durrie & McCarty, Nos. 97 Chambers and 81 Reade streets, have been appointed sole agents for the Barton Bell Co., of East Hampton, Conn. They will carry in stock a full line of their Hand Bells, which they offer to the trade at lowest factory rates.

The manufacturers of Cordage, issued under date of the 21st inst., the following revised price list for Manila and Sisal Rope, showing an advance of ½ cent per pound on Manila and a decline on Sisal of 1 cent per pound. This list is subject to the usual trade discount:

	Cts. 10 lb.
1½ inch cir. and upwards.....	15
12 thread, or ¼ diameter.....	15½
6 and 9 thread, or ¼ and ¾ diameter.....	15
Hay Rope, 2, 3, 4 or 5 thread.....	15
Bolt and Point Rope.....	16½
Tarred Rope and Lath Yarn.....	14½
Sisal Rope.....	15½

We have received the following circular:

Chicago, Ill., May 21, 1881.
The American Cutlery Company, of Chicago, take this method of announcing to the trade that their finishing department, containing a large stock of unfinished material, was heavily damaged by fire on the 12th inst. Fortunately the damage on finished stock was merely nominal, so that, with but a slight interruption, we shall in a few days be prepared to fill orders as usual. Thanking the trade for past favors,
We are, yours truly,
AMERICAN CUTLERY CO.

The Ponfield Block Company, Lockport, N. Y., have added to their specialties a line of Trucks. We print below their price list and discounts. The discounts from list of Platform Trucks with four wheels, Dry Goods Trucks and Sloping Back Baggage Barrows, have not yet been determined. Illustrations of some styles of these goods appear in their advertisement, on page 28.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price with wheels outside.	Price with wheels inside.	Price with rubber wheels.
No. 0.....	4	11	15	15	\$5.95	\$5.75	\$8.00
No. 1.....	4	11	15	15	5.50	5.00	7.00
No. 2.....	4	11	15	15	5.00	4.50	6.50
No. 3.....	4	11	15	15	4.50	4.00	6.00
No. 4.....	4	11	15	15	4.00	3.50	5.50
No. 5.....	4	11	15	15	3.50	3.00	5.00

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 0.....	4	11	15	15	\$4.75
No. 1.....	4	11	15	15	4.25
No. 2.....	4	11	15	15	3.75
No. 3.....	4	11	15	15	3.25
No. 4.....	4	11	15	15	2.75
No. 5.....	4	11	15	15	2.25

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 0.....	4	11	15	15	\$4.75
No. 1.....	4	11	15	15	4.25
No. 2.....	4	11	15	15	3.75
No. 3.....	4	11	15	15	3.25
No. 4.....	4	11	15	15	2.75
No. 5.....	4	11	15	15	2.25

NEW YORK BARREL TRUCK.

Made either with flat or round slats. Flat are preferable.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 0.....	4	11	15	15	\$7.00
No. 1.....	4	11	15	15	6.50
No. 2.....	4	11	15	15	6.00
No. 3.....	4	11	15	15	5.50
No. 4.....	4	11	15	15	5.00
No. 5.....	4	11	15	15	4.50

DISCOUNT 35 PER CENT. COTTON NOSE TRUCK.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 1.....	4	11	15	15	\$6.75
No. 2.....	4	11	15	15	6.25
No. 3.....	4	11	15	15	5.75
No. 4.....	4	11	15	15	5.25
No. 5.....	4	11	15	15	4.75

DISCOUNT 30 PER CENT. WOOD-SLAT BARREL TRUCK.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 0.....	4	11	15	15	\$5.00
No. 1.....	4	11	15	15	4.50
No. 2.....	4	11	15	15	4.00
No. 3.....	4	11	15	15	3.50
No. 4.....	4	11	15	15	3.00
No. 5.....	4	11	15	15	2.50

STEVEDORE TRUCK.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 1.....	4	11	15	15	\$11.00
No. 2.....	4	11	15	15	10.00
No. 3.....	4	11	15	15	9.00
No. 4.....	4	11	15	15	8.00
No. 5.....	4	11	15	15	7.00
No. 6.....	4	11	15	15	6.00

DISCOUNT 40 PER CENT. WESTERN PATTERN TRUCK.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 1, Half ironed.....	47	19	16	6	\$7.00
No. 1, Full.....	47	19	16	6	8.00
No. 2, Half.....	50	20	17	6	11.50
No. 2, Full.....	50	20	17	6	12.50
No. 3.....	50	20	17	6	15.00
No. 4.....	50	20	17	6	20.00

DISCOUNT 40 PER CENT. PLATFORM TRUCKS WITH FOUR WHEELS.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 1 Weaving.....	3	11	15	15	\$16
No. 2 Web.....	3	11	15	15	18
No. 3 Webster.....	3	11	15	15	20
No. 4 Wedging.....	3	11	15	15	21
No. 5 Wedge.....	3	11	15	15	22
No. 6 Wedlock.....	3	11	15	15	24

DISCOUNT BAG TRUCKS.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 1.....	4	11	15	15	\$6.00
No. 2.....	4	11	15	15	5.00
No. 3.....	4	11	15	15	4.00

DISCOUNT 40 PER CENT. CARPET OR HOTEL TRUCKS.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 1, Iron Wheels; telegraph name, Welsh.....	3	11	15	15	\$9.00
No. 1, Rubbered Wheels; telegraph name, Westward.....	3	11	15	15	12.50

DISCOUNT 40 PER CENT. DRY GOODS TRUCKS.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 1, 6 feet long by 24 inches wide; telegraph name, Wickel.....	3	11	15	15	\$33.00
No. 2, 6 feet long by 27 inches wide; telegraph name, Wigman.....	3	11	15	15	40.00
No. 3, 6 feet long by 30 inches wide; heavy telegraph name, Wigman.....	3	11	15	15	55.00

DISCOUNT 40 PER CENT. SLOPING BACK BAGGAGE BARROWS.

Size.	Length of handles.	Width at nose.	Width at upper bar.	Size of wheels.	Price.
No. 1, 6 feet long by 24 inches wide; telegraph name, Wickel.....	3	11	15	15	\$33.00
No. 2, 6 feet long by 27 inches wide; telegraph name, Wigman.....	3	11	15	15	40.00
No. 3, 6 feet long by 30 inches wide; heavy telegraph name, Wigman.....	3	11	15	15	55.00

DISCOUNT 40 PER CENT. BRITISH IRON MARKET.

[Special Report by Cable to The Iron Age.]

LONDON, May 25, 1881.

Scotch Pig.—There is a marked improvement in the demand, and a fair business has been done during the week. Prices, however, are weaker, and there is a reduction of 6d. on all brands quoted. The following are to-day's prices:

Gartsherrie, alongside, Glasgow.....	56/
Coltness.....	56/
Glenarnock.....	51/6
Eglinton.....	46/6
Lighterage from Ardrossan to Glasgow is 1/6 @ 1/2 per ton.	

Manufactured Iron.—The market is without change to note, prices ruling weak under the light demand. Best Staffordshire Bars, nominally, £7.

Steel Rails.—The market is quiet, with a fair business doing. Ordinary sections are quoted, nominally, £6 @ £6.10/.

Iron Rails.—There is very little business doing. We quote Welsh, nominally, £5.5/ @ £5.10/.

Old Rails.—Nothing doing.

Scrap.—Wrought is quoted at £3.

EXPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the Week ending May 24, 1881:

Hamburg.	Quant.	Val.	Argentine Republic.	Quant.	Val.
Pilm. gals. 75,131	\$61,440		Clocks, bxs. 44	\$2,350	
Clocks, bxs. 158	2,350		Tacks, case 1	221	
Revolvers, case 1	75		Rollers, case 1	620	
Mach'y, pkgs. 45	4,404		Nails, bxs. 230	960	
I. pipe, case 1	1,372	4,403	W. mach. pkg. 10	136	
M. iron, pkgs. 23	115		Ag. imp. pkgs. 517	7,345	
Timplates, bxs. 51	264		Hdw., case 1	4,345	
Sew. ma. case 245	4,345		Pilm. gals. 37,000	4,485	
Ag. imp. pkgs. 13	270		M. iron, pkgs. 10	330	
Hdw., case 1	116	1,097			
Arms, case 1	4	237			
Valves, case 1	23	880			
Wringers, case 1	13	470			
Danish West Indies.					
Iron, pkgs. 185	531		M. iron, pkgs. 2	58	
M. iron, pkgs. 427	507				
Pilm. gals. 300	39				
Tim. bxs. 1	2				
Nails, bxs. 18	78				
Arendal.					
Pilm. gals. 126,810	10,149				
Bremen.					
Ag. imp. pkgs. 41	1,930				
Hdw., case 1	5	80			
Rotterdam.					
Hdw., pkgs. 4	160				
Dutch West Indies.					
Pilm. gals. 1,323	149				
Hdw., pkgs. 5	50				
Dutch East Indies.					
Pilm. gals. 285,000	33,000				
Bergen.					
Pilm. gals. 134,243	11,075				
Christiana.					
Pilm. gals. 16,606	6,932				
Kaistrup (Den.).					
Pilm. gals. 109,551	16,350				
Stralsund.					
Pilm. gals. 288,265	23,215				
Pillau.					
Pilm. gals. 250,949	21,000				
Antwerp.					
Hdw., case 1	650				
Liverpool.					
Radiators, case 15	375				
Rifles, case 1	10,850				
Ag. imp. pkgs. 3	75				
Rearcase, case 1	825				
Brass cups, case 1	12,000				
Mach'y, pkgs. 10	1,450				
Clocks, bxs. 98	2,650				
Hdw., case 1	21	2,859			
Pilm. gals. 745,593	63,446				
Brass, case 1	4,250				
Brass gds., case 1	750				
Revolvers, case 1	642				
Ore, pkgs. 15	1,050				
Bristol.					
Mach'y, pkgs. 3	800				
Newcastle.					
Pilm. gals. 118,800	10,150				
Limerick.					
Pilm. gals. 83,251	7,488				
London.					
Ag. imp. pkgs. 72	3,433				
Hdw., case 1	639	14,002			
Clocks, bxs. 1	2,390				
Sew. mach., case 1	655	21,196			
Cars, case 1	3,925				
M. iron, pkgs. 28	1,640				
Cutlery, case 1	535				
Mach'y, case 1	9,150				
Hull.					
Hdw., case 1	4	92			
Ag. imp. pkgs. 17	5,578				
Spelter, shabaz, case 1	4,000				
British Guiana.					
Pilm. gals. 11,419	1,453				
Hdw., pkgs. 6	37				
Nails, pkgs. 30	71				
British East Indies.					
Pilm. gals. 495,000	60,119				
Cebu.					
Sew. ma., case 1	85	2,450			
Hdw., pkgs. 30	4,050				
Clocks, case 1	44	44			
Mach'y, case 1	35	35			
M. iron, pkgs. 87	90	2,498			
Iron, pkgs. 81	278				
Pilm. gals. 19,120	2,498				
Nails, pkgs. 24	708				
Burial case 1	59				
Iron safe 1	30				
Tacks, case 1	6	234			
Tim. bxs. 1	2	154			
Cutlery, case 1	4	95			
Pumps, pkgs. 4	95				
Ag. imp. pkgs. 51	961				
Nails, bxs. 38	234				
French West Indies.					
Pilm. gals. 9,500	1,345				
Barcelona.					
Pistols, case 1	260				
RR. case 1	15	46,500			
Pilm. gals. 107,377	16,797				
M. iron, pkgs. 2	40				
Presses, case 1	187				
Hdw., case 1	7	268			
Clocks, case 1	1	140			
Locomotives, case 1	20,750				
Trieste.					
Pilm. gals. 108,861	13,500				
Odessa.					
Pilm. gals. 110,000	15,300				
Syria.					
Pilm. gals. 120,000	12,000				
Central American.					
Pilm. gals. 20,000	2,826				
Sew. ma., case 1	12	340			
Mach'y, case 1	1	65			
Clocks, case 1	4	96			
M. iron, pkgs. 40	382				
Constantinople.					
Pilm. gals. 149,033	16,000				
Seville.					
Pilm. gals. 190,000	22,000				
Porto Rico.					
M. iron, pkgs. 51	474				
Hdw., case 1	802				
Pumps, case 1	27				
Hdw., case 1	435				
Ag. imp. pkgs. 34	385				
Fire engine, case 1	850				
Pilm. gals. 20,600	379				
Rifles, case 1	48				
Nails, pkgs. 65	816				
Steel, bars, case 1	25				
Manila.					
M. iron, pkgs. 239	1,212				
Steam launch, case 1	2,000				
Mach'y, case 1	125	11,823			
Ag. imp. pkgs. 39	493				
Revolvers, case 1	629				
Clocks, case 1	62				
Tim. bxs. 1	2	959			
Sew. mach., case 1	50	1,612			
Pilm. gals. 6,000	612				
Hdw., case 1	240	3,448			
Needles, case 1	5	60			
Brass gds., case 1	52	6,803			
Haiti.					
Still, case 1	134				
Hdw., case 1	28	133			
Cutlery, case 1	25				
M. iron, pkgs. 12	112				
Ag. imp. pkgs. 5	151				
Pilm. gals. 17,731	972				
Nails, pkgs. 119	382				

IMPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the Week ending May 25, 1881:

Hardware.	Drexel, Morgan & Co.
Alexandre F. & Sons,	Ore, tons, 250
Ironware, case, 1	Elliott, Sons & Co.
Baker & Hamilton,	Ore, tons, 350
Gun caps, case, 13	Lillienberg N.
Bokor, Hermann & Co.	Pig, case, 76
Ag. imp. pkgs., 22	Mason J. W. & Co.
Gun, case, 73	Wire rope, coils, 14
Chains, case, 17	Mich. Cent. R. R. Co.
Cases, 4	Rails, 1765
Barbour Bros.	N. Y. Cent. R. R.
Machinery, case, 9	Rails, 3679
Birbeck J.	Olsen & Co.
Case, 1	Ironwork, bxs., 4
Bloomfield J. C. & Co.	Phelps, Dodge & Co.
Castings, 12	Sheet iron, bbls., 208
Machinery, pkgs., 44	Pig, tons, 345
Pipe, pkgs., 10	State Savings Association,
Brockner & Evans,	Rods, pkgs., 6310
Galv'd wire netting,	Lundberg Gust.
bills, 108	Bars, 846
Calhoun, Robbins & Co.	Whitney A. R.
Pins, case, 1	Iron tubes, 457
Stow, ma., case, 1	Williamson Jas. & Co.
Builder projections,	Pig, tons, 400
box, 1	Order.
Dolge Alfred,	Pig, tons, 1157
Machinery, case, 2	Ore, tons, 850
Drexel, Morgan & Co.	Old scrap, 102
Arms, case, 73	Old scrap, tons, 384
Duval H. R.	Black copper, pkgs.,
Cases, 6	605
Elwell J. W. & Co.	Swedish wrought,
Old anchor, 1	bars, 1040
Cable chains, 2	Swedish pig, tons,
Field Alfred & Co.	100
Cases, 10	Bars, 7478
Packages, 7	Speigelsien, lots, 2
Folsom H. & D.	Speigelsien, kilog.,
Arms, case, 5	156,392
Packages, 6	Spingoleisen, tons,
Fraser P. A. & Co.	700
Cases, 6	Old rails, tons, 443
Graef Cutlery Co.	Rails, 250
Cases, 4	Rail ends, tons, 500
Harley & Graham,	Rods, 8207
Arms, case, 23	Rods, bbls., 723
Packages, 4	Wire rods, coils, 332
Howard Bros. & Read,	Wire rods, bbls., 981
Cases, 1	Plate, 1
Hoe R. & Co.	
Cases, 2	
Kamak Cutlery Co.	
Case, 1	
Kaufmann A.	
Finger bars, knives,	
case, 1	
Lamarche H.	
Arms, case, 2	
Matthieson F. O. &	
Wilchors,	
Machinery, case, 5	
Merchants' Dis. Co.	
Arms, case, 5	
Meyer H. A. Jr.	
Cases, 3	
Bales, 5	
Cases, 82	
Moore's J. P. Sons,	
Cases, 4	
Rogers Henry,	
Cases, 2	
Nails, case, 24	
Sellers W. B.	
Cases, 3	
Schuyler & Duane,	
Arms, case, 7	
Struller, Lau & Co.	
Arms, case, 6	
Snelling J. & Co.	
Iron pump, 1	
Schoverling, Daly &	
Gales,	
Cases, 25	
Stearns J. N. & Co.	
Machinery, case, 1	
Sackentr Chas. L.	
Machinery, case, 3	
Smithers H. W.	
Electric machine,	
box, 1	
Troy Laundry Co.	
Machinery, case, 2	
Taylor Thos.	
Packages, 2	
Tiffany Chas. L.	
Locomotive, 1	
Olson L. G. & Co.	
Wire, lots, 797	
And Aisne,	
Case, 1	
Iebusch, Hilger & Co.	
Anvils, 30	
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of 6,633,980 boxes, which, we think, is a nearer estimate of the production of 1880 than what we have seen in several papers recently."

The strike of the foremen continues, and is, apparently, quite unlikely to come to a speedy termination, both sides being firm and unyielding. At two or three establishments, however, work is being irregularly carried on with tin bars purchased in the open market. All things considered, it is probable that the current make is larger than is generally thought, and that the rise in prices so confidently expected will take effect quite gradually.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

(Moniteur des Interests Matériels.)

PARIS, May 25, 1881.—Metals.—Business, favored by fair weather, has been brisker during the week in nearly every branch of trade, including Metals; without change in the latter, we, therefore, merely refer to our last quotations, which remain unaltered. Iron.—The market continues very active, but there is no further improvement in prices. We quote: First-class Merchant Iron, 25.50 francs the 100 kilos.; Flooring ditto, 25.25 for common sorts, and the better classes, 25.25 to 25.50. In the Haute-Marne work is still steady, but activity is more limited so the coming of old orders than to new commands. They quote: Coke Merchant Iron, 19.10; Mixed, 20.50 to 21; Machine Mixed, 20.50 to 21. Foundries have more work on hand than they can conveniently attend to; this relates more particularly to castings for architectural purposes. Iron Wire is less in request in the district; No. 20 is bringing 23 to 24 francs. Nails are also quiet, but the market is worth 27.50 to 28.50 in bulk. At the North a brisk trade is transacting; prices are well sustained at 17.50 to 18 for first-class Merchant Iron. The Louvre Rolling Mill has been reconstructed under the title of the Northern Iron and Steel Company, with a capital of 2,500,000 francs, 1,000,000 francs of which is subscribed, 300,000 Mr. Wauthey personally and 800,000 various shareholders. Mr. Wauthey transferred to the new company his departmental license; the contract is made for 50 years. Coal has been moderately active at tolerably well-sustained prices; the demand for industrial purposes is particularly active. The iron ore, as much as many branches besides the iron ore have come in as purchasers since the beginning of the month.

BELGIUM.

(Revue Universelle.)

BRUXELLES, May 25, 1881.—Iron.—The iron situation has gone on improving somewhat in the course of the week, some further export orders having dropped in, particularly for the East. Rolling mills, structural iron works, bolt makers and steel works are the concerns most favored just at present. Competition among makers is, on the whole, very keen, however, causing prices to rule low. Fortunately our next-door neighbors, the French, seem to be getting on better for the past few weeks, and if the improved feeling and activity there are kept up, we can hardly fail to feel the favorable effect of it. The government will also not unlikely come out with some adjudications, if but to a moderate extent; between its requirements, the usual local demand, some business according to us from France, and perhaps from Germany, and the export to more distant countries, we still hope to have as active a time during the summer months as usually falls to our lot, the more so as the moderate prices ruling here hold out an inducement to the consumers to seek our market. Had speculation interfered and driven up prices in the spring, an unsmooth state of affairs might have been created, and the prospect before us would be less reassuring. Metals.—Copper is weak; Spelter is without change; Lead, though quiet, is rather firmer; Tin better held. Coal.—Prices are still low, but 4-weeks not being excessive and production being attained for the time being. While for household wants little Coal is sold, the demand for industrial purposes continues general and active. At Liege prices are firm.

GERMANY.

(Börsenhalles.)

HAMBURG, May 25, 1881.—Iron.—Our Dortmund correspondent communicates the following, dated yesterday: "For some weeks past prices have been stationary, but last week a further downward reaction took place. Bessemer Pig has been affected by the gradual decline of Bessemer Hematites in England from 65 to 56, Spiegeleisen for the moment still remains in good request, while the tendency in Pudding and Foundry Pig is an exceedingly weak one; it is consequently to be feared that ere long, unless a favorable change occurs, a number of blast furnaces will be blown out, for at ruling rates for Pig there is no profit left. At the rolling mills there is also increased dullness; only Boiler Sheets are still in demand, while thin Sheet Iron has ceased to be in good demand. Nor is it likely that the rolling mills will be better from now forward, for if they complain of the lack of work now that the highest iron duties benefit of the spring building demand, their position will get to be worse by the time this demand has also disappeared. And this untoward state of affairs is rendered worse still by the fact that competition is on the increase, for within a conference of five hours' distance two rolling mills have recommenced operations, and two more will shortly be added. Hardly any orders were received by our rolling mills from Russia so far, whereas in former years when navigation opened in that country we have been in the habit of doing a brisk business in the line in that direction. This disappointment arises from the highest iron duties in Russia, the extreme depression of Merchant Iron at the upper Silesian rolling mills, and the disturbed condition of local politics in Russia. Bessemer Steel Rails are as active as before. Rolled Wire has also been sustained, but the machine shops, the foundries and bridge building establishments are all very much in need of fresh orders. The gun and rifle manufacturers have received but few orders, with the exception of Krupp, where there is a feverish activity. His orders for field, &c., artillery are very large, so much so that numbers of fresh hands have had to be procured; but, alas, this activity is of short duration. I quote: English Pig, 16.50 to 17.50; No. 2, 6.50, and No. 3, 5.75 per ton at the works. Coal is moderately active; the demand for brick works is on the increase, and the entire position better than last year at this time, with lower prices than they were then. Coke is dull. In the Moselle and Sarre region Pig Iron has been lowered from 5 francs to 4.75. There is a hopeful feeling, in view of the advantages which the district enjoys with respect to the Thomas-Gilchrist process. Metals.—Small sales to meet the requirements of consumers have taken place. Lead being rather cheaper. We quote: English Pig, 16.50 to 17.50; ditto Sheet, 16.00 to 16.80; German Pig, 15.15 to 15.50; and Spanish, 17.50 to 17.80. Copper is quiet at 67 to 70. Tin is steady at 94 to 95, and Spelter active at 15.75 to 16.

AUSTRIA.

(Austrian Trade Journal.)

VIENNA, May 25, 1881.—Iron.—The market has been inactive and even listless, week after week passing by without receiving the orders expected. Everybody had been waiting for the spring trade, and now the latter also forakes us. It is difficult to define the situation as it is, for we can hardly believe that there are not some requirements. Perhaps consumers are holding back in expectation of some further decline in prices. Nevertheless a good many works in Austria are trying to get under way consolidations with others to end, no doubt, in combinations by groups, in Styria, Bohemia and Hungary, but this ought to have been done sooner; we are indeed afraid that it is too late now. There is the competition from abroad which will disturb similar plans. The trade in Pig Iron is at a standstill in Austria for the moment; the demand for Merchant Iron is only limited, the sales effected being insignificant indeed; only a few works form an exception, being specially favored. Building develops very slowly, and requires so far but little material. Sheet iron is also neglected. Iron has been dragging, but prices have been upheld. We quote toward the close: Pig Iron, 44 to 52 florins per ton; Merchant Iron, 20 to 21; Sheet ditto, 155 to 165, and Pillars, 115

to 118. Metals.—Have been dull; we quote Copper, 74 to 80; Tin, 100 to 115; Lead, 25 to 27; Spelter, 25 to 30; Sheet Zinc No. 9 to 26, 25 to 27; Antimony, 75 to 80; Green Vitriol, 4.50; Blue ditto, 27.50 to 29; Minium, 27 to 27.50; Nickel, 4.50 per kilo., and Bismuth, 11 per ditto.

HOLLAND.

(Koch & Vlierboom.)

ROTTERDAM, May 25, 1881.—Tin.—Not much has transpired during the week, but prices are higher. We quote: Banca, 51 guilders per 50 kilos, and Billiton, 52.75, both on the spot. The next government sale will come off here on the 31st inst., when 23,500 slabs Banca will be offered.

PRICE OF BANCA TIN SINCE 1874.

	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881
Jan. 1	57 1/2	59	45	40 1/2	38 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	55 1/2
Feb. 1	57 1/2	59 1/2	45 1/2	40 1/2	38 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	54
Mar. 1	54	50 1/2	43 1/2	40 1/2	40	40 1/2	55 1/2	53
Apr. 1	53	51 1/2	50	49 1/2	40	43	50 1/2	53 1/2
May 1	51 1/2	50 1/2	49	48 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2
June 1	50 1/2	50	49 1/2	48 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	43 1/2	50
July 1	50 1/2	49 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	39 1/2	39	49	50
Aug. 1	50 1/2	48 1/2	44	41 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	56	50
Sept. 1	51	43	40 1/2	37 1/2	41 1/2	54 1/2	50	50
Oct. 1	50 1/2	52 1/2	44 1/2	40 1/2	35 1/2	45	50	50
Nov. 1	50 1/2	52 1/2	44 1/2	43	37 1/2	57	54 1/2	50
Dec. 1	50 1/2	51	44 1/2	41 1/2	39	56	56 1/2	50

The government returns for the months of January and February are as follows:

EXPORT OF TIN FROM HOLLAND.

	For February.	For 2 months.
	1881.	1880.
To Germany.....	230	336
England.....	26	380
Belgium.....	267	357
France.....	1	26
Hamburg.....	68	80
The U. States.....	10	46
Other countries.....	39	3
Total.....	631	1569

SPAIN.

(Iberia.)

BARCELONA, Andalusia, May 25, 1881.—Copper.—The ore production of the Rio Tinto Mining Company has been last year 915,157 tons, against 866,600 tons in 1879. The amount of ore sold in 1880 was 277,500 tons, against 243,241 in 1879, while the company has worked 537,507 tons, against 653,339. Of pure Copper, the company produced in 1880 5559 tons, against 7179 in 1879. Gross receipts reached the large amount of \$201,340, against only \$243,530 in 1879. While this has been the case, the company has succeeded in converting its old 7% debt into a 5% one. The balance sheet of the company exhibits a capital of \$2,500,000, the hypothecated indebtedness in \$4,201,840. There are other creditors besides to the amount of \$2,575,311. Out of the gross receipts there was paid in the shape of interest on the debt \$220,428; other interest, \$45,535; expenses, \$57,034; toward the sinking fund, \$25,454, and written off on machinery for supposed depreciation, \$45,000. In this manner there finally remained on hand an available cash balance of \$231,782 against \$114,418 the previous year, out of which the shareholders were paid an 8% dividend, i. e., \$26,000, against only 5% the previous year. The result greatly exceeds the expectations that had been entertained.

EAST INDIES.

(Schmidt, Kustermann & Co.)

PRERAG, April 25, 1881.—Tin.—Sales during the fortnight have been limited in extent, Europeans taking 3080 piculs at \$26.75 to \$26.95, and natives 2000 piculs at \$27.05 to \$27.20, and finally at \$26.95. Receipts were 5400 piculs, leaving stock on hand in Bazar of tinplate 25,000 piculs. In this manner the closing figure, Kexchange, 4 months, bank, has risen from 3/8 to 3/4.

LABOR AND WAGES.

The strike at the Morrell coke works of the Cambria Iron Company still continues, with but little prospect of a settlement. The drawers held a meeting on Monday and decided to stand out for their demand. The miners will stand out with the drawers. From all that we can learn about the difficulty, the advance demanded by the drawers is just and reasonable, and ought to be granted. The ruling price throughout the Connellsville region for the larger ovens, such as are in use at Morrell, is 70 cents when this work is done by the drawers. The Cambria Company have been paying but 70 cents and requiring the drawer to level his ovens.—Reynoldsville Courier.

At a large meeting of the Trades Assembly, held in Buffalo, May 10, delegates from several new unions were in attendance. The assembly represents 8000 members. Delegates from the Bakers' Union stated that they were on the eve of a strike, and asked the approval of the assembly in urging all union men to adopt the same action toward employing bakers as was taken in New York city. The assembly unanimously voted to support the bakers and to "Boycott" those who do not pay the union prices. The assembly also resolved to "Boycott" Perry & Co., the Albany stove makers, because they employ convict labor, and also the Erie stove makers who resist the union prices; also Breitweizer & Co. and Burns & Laubart, cigar manufacturers.

One hundred and seventy hostlers of the various stations of the Metropolitan Street Railway, Boston, struck for an advance of \$2 per week. They have been getting \$3. The president of the company offered them an advance of 1 per cent., making their wages \$3.08 per week. It is rumored that men at the Warren street line have been successful and will get the \$10 demanded.

A Wellsville (Ohio) dispatch says that fears were entertained of another general strike on Monday among the coal miners at Salineville. The men are now receiving 65 cents, but demand 70, and it is reported that unless the increase is granted a strike will be the result.

The report that all the mills in the Mahoning Valley would shut down on the 1st of June, on account of anticipated difficulty in the matter of signing the scale, is not true. Committees of the Pittsburgh manufacturers and the Amalgamated Association met on Wednesday to discuss the scales presented by the latter.

Ward's glass-house, on the South Side, Pittsburgh, until recently manufactured chimneys exclusively. It will be remembered that the chimney and window-glass houses will shut down on June 1. Ward's men, however, it is said, will work on to June 15. The outside workmen say that if they do not close down on June 1, all the employees will be marked as "black sheep."

The strike at the Kittanning (Pa.) Furnace is over. The terms agreed upon are these: Top fillers get \$1.90 per day each; former wages, \$1.50 and \$1.75; bottom fillers, \$1.50 and \$1.60; former wages, \$1.40 and \$1.50; casting-house men—keepers, \$1.95; helpers, \$1.55 and \$1.60; former wages—keepers, \$1.85; helpers, \$1.45 and \$1.55. These terms are to be in force six months, even though iron should rise to \$15 per ton. But in case iron should rise, the men are to receive 5 per cent. of the rise.

Private Brands of Tin Plate.

Our readers will find many points of interest in the following letter, although the press comments to which reference is made, and from which quotations are taken, were published in full in our last issue. Coming, as it does, from those who know practically whereof they speak, and expressing views in accordance with the ground already taken by *The Iron Age*, it cannot fail to command the attention it deserves. We commend it to the consideration of our readers:

PHILADELPHIA, May 21, 1881.

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*.—DEAR SIR: We have read your editorial in the issue of May 19 in reference to the circular of the Baltimore packers, and your paper is certainly entitled to the thanks of importers and consumers in laying facts before them which cannot be disputed.

Consumers, however, are very much to blame for the present state of affairs, as they have had an opportunity in the past year to read all that has been written on the subject of "private brands" and inferior plates in your valued journal.

There are but few consumers to-day, we regret to say, who have taken a decided stand to purchase no private brands, and, until they do this, they must expect to be imposed upon.

It was formerly the custom, when importers purchased plates on the other side, to oblige them to take 10 per cent. of the purchase in wasters. As the difference between a prime plate and a waster varies often from 25 cents per box to \$1.25, according to the sizes and qualities, the question arises, Why is it now so difficult to obtain the wasters? Let the private brand business be stopped and there will be no difficulty in being able to purchase these plates.

Not many months since one of the owners of the "BV" coke plate works was in our office and complained "that while their brand was used as a grade, they had always endeavored to keep up the standard, not only in quality of the iron, but in the weight, and were expected to meet prices of inferior qualities." Consumers demanded cheaper plates, and manufacturers, at the demand of buyers, have used inferior iron, deteriorating the quality, and also, in some cases, have rolled their plates light, thus making the Custom House duties less.

Under such circumstances can there be much encouragement for a maker of brands like the "BV" plate to keep up his standard? The *Ironmonger* of April 16 publishes a communication from one of the Cardiff newspapers, and states that "the writer is known to hold a responsible position among the tin-plate workers." He writes as follows:

"We know of a firm considered to be of good reputation using over 200 private brands for the only purpose of encouraging buyers to deceive customers. We will suppose that orders are sent for 'BV' grade. If the owner of this brand, who is no less than the honored Mayor of Swansea, refuses to sell at the buyer's quotation, he will go to another manufacturer and ask for a plate of equal quality to the 'BV,' which might have been very differently manipulated and at the same time of a much inferior class of iron, which will not be detected until in the hands of the consumers. Only this week it was reported to us of a new manufactory starting on a most economical scale in doing away with the tin-house superintendent, and sending to another works to borrow an assessor to look over the first lot that were sent out; then, of course, after that any class of plates might be sent away."

We think such a statement as this, that comes from a reliable source, ought to open the eyes of consumers as to what is being done by one alone of the many manufacturers of private brands. Take, for instance, the well-known charcoal brands of "Melyn," "Talbot," "P. S. & Co." and "L. R. L." The makers of these plates have for years sustained their reputation as to quality of iron.

The "Melyn" grade to-day is being used by some importers as a grade to quote on, and plates inferior in quality to "Melyn," &c., are now being shipped almost constantly under this grade. It cannot be justly contended that if the market value of the four brands mentioned is to-day 21/ in Liverpool, that a brand costing 18/ should be sold as their equal. But we assert that this is being done, and, furthermore, that it is almost impossible to sell strictly "Melyn" grade plates at what it costs to import them, save only to those customers who know their value and are willing to pay a fair price for them. The same system of quoting is being applied to other bright and roofing plates, and we are satisfied that there are cokes to-day being sold under private brands as charcoal plates. No system that admits of the same coke plate being sold under a half dozen names, and at a half dozen different prices, can be regarded in any other light than as a positive injury to the consumer, to say nothing of those engaged in the importation of these brands. We cannot better close this article than to ask you to read the enclosed article from the *Ironmonger* of April 16th, headed "Brands of Tin Plates," in which the *Ironmonger* states: "The point, however, as to which they (the manufacturers of tin plates) are chiefly concerned is the disregard of established brands now displayed by American consumers."

These few words cover the whole ground, it seems to us, and the sooner consumers (upon whose purchases must depend the reputation of their goods) take hold of this matter of private brands, the sooner they will be able to get a better quality of plates at a fair price.

Yours truly,

MERCHANT & CO.

A curious magnetic property of the meteoric iron of Santa Catarina (Brazil), has been lately observed by Prof. Lawrence Smith, of Louisville. Small detached fragments, not weighing more than 0.1 to 0.2 gr., were very weakly affected by a magnet; but on being flattened on a piece of steel with a steel hammer, they became very sensitive to it. By heating red hot, the particles were made to be still more easily attracted than by flattening. The meteoric iron in question contains 66 iron, 34 nickel.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Putnam Machine Company, of Fitchburg, have closed a contract with a California railroad for the largest order of railroad tools ever taken by the company. The order includes engine lathes, double headed driving-wheel lathes, one driving-wheel lathe, one car-wheel borer, one 13-inch stroke slotting machine, one 150-ton wheel press, and one 300-ton wheel press, a 14-inch stroke shaping machine, two goose-neck drills, bolt cutters, one 100-horse-power steam engine, six Putnam forges and many smaller tools.

The Turners Falls Company have elected the following officers: President, C. A. Stevens, of Ware; treasurer, William P. Crocker, of Clark; Austin DeWolf, of directors; B. N. Farren, ex-Gov. Talbot, C. T. Crocker, Josiah Gates, Charles A. Stevens, Edwin Buckley, R. N. Oakman, George F. Fay, A. DeWolf and J. Rogers.

The recent purchasers of the Gaylord Mfg. Co., of Chicopee, have formed a new organization under the name of the Ames Sword Company, with a capital of \$150,000. The officers are A. C. Woodworth, of Chicopee, president, and George M. Barnard, of Boston, treasurer. The principal business is to be the manufacture of swords, but the company will continue the brass foundry business heretofore carried on by the Gaylord Company. The price paid the Gaylord Company was \$105,000.

The frame of the pistol shop at Hatfield is up, and it is expected to have the roof on and hang the shafting in a week or two.

There is talk of forming a cutlery company at Westfield, under the management of Shelbourne Falls and Greenfield parties. To effect this about \$10,000 will have to be invested by local capitalists.

The Belcher & Taylor Agricultural Tool Company, of Chicopee Falls, are to build an addition to their forging shop. B. & J. W. Belcher contemplate building a new foundry, and possibly a blacksmith shop.

CONNECTICUT.

Rogers & Bro., the well-known manufacturers of silver plated ware, at Waterbury, are running full time and employing their full complement of hands on their standard goods—flat ware—including spoons, knives, forks, ladles and fancy articles generally. They are constantly devising new patterns in these goods.

The R. Tomlinson Spring and Axle Works, of Bridgeport, were established in 1852, and are the only works in the city engaged in the manufacture of axles. The factory has a frontage of 400 feet and a depth of 100 feet, and power is furnished by an 80-horse engine. It employs 100 hands in all departments, and turns out 600 pairs of elliptic and side springs per week. These are made of both Swedish and English steel in all the different grades and sizes. Specialties are the J. B. Brewster Patent Cross Spring and the English Colling Axle. The works make their own drafts and do their own forging. The reputation which the works enjoy of turning out first-class goods, keeps them constantly working at their full capacity on orders from all parts of the East and West. Just now they are full of business and are running overtime in certain departments.

NEW YORK.

Haight & Clark have purchased the foundry business formerly carried on by A. Winterburn at Nos. 16 and 18 Detroit street, Albany, and will continue the manufacture of small gray iron castings, in addition to machinery and pattern castings.

The large iron, steel and brass foundry at Champlain, formerly owned by H. W. Clark & Co., now in the hands of M. V. B. Stetson, as trustee, is advertised for sale on May 25. It is rumored that negotiations are being made with Messrs. Weed, Williams and others that it may become an annex of the Chateaugay Iron Company.

The failure of the Napanock Rolling Mill Company, of No. 28 Platt street, New York city, and Napanock, Ulster County, N. Y., is reported. The company were organized February 1, 1880, with an authorized capital of \$25,000, but was never successful, and has been run at a loss since it started.

NEW JERSEY.

Dr. C. J. Eames, of New York, is about to start the Elizabethtown Rolling Mill with petroleum as fuel. It has a daily capacity of about 30 tons of rolled iron. His Titusville works are closed at present, but will be started again when merchant iron is higher.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have the following letter from the L. B. Flanders Machine Works, Philadelphia:

PHILADELPHIA, May 20, 1881.

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*.—DEAR SIR: A statement recently published in regard to the Greenwood Planer Chuck says: "Hereafter no device can be used for planing curved surfaces, or dressing concave or convex bodies upon the common planer, without interfering with the Greenwood patent."

This statement is erroneous and calculated to deceive the public. We have for many years past made a Radius Link Planer, and now are actively engaged in the manufacture of it, having orders on file. It has always given the best of satisfaction, most excellent results being accomplished. We have a long list of railroad companies, locomotive builders and others who have them in use.

This planer was patented July 22, 1856, and, having long since expired, of course is public property and can be sold very much cheaper than those protected by patents, allowing us, at the same time, a reasonable profit.

We are prepared to fill orders for this device, and will furnish any information, description of its workings, photographs and price, upon application.

Yours truly,

H. C. AYER,

For L. B. Flanders Machine Works, Stokes & Parrish, Philadelphia, continue to be actively engaged on their specialties in hoisting machinery. For Johnstown, they are building two coal mining hoists; for the Alabama furnace, one furnace hoist; for the Alabam Iron Company, one furnace hoist; and for a firm in Memphis, Tenn., one large slope engine for hauling coal from

the river to the top of the bluff. In hydraulic elevators they are building one freight and passenger for James Scott, Detroit; one passenger for Peter Wright & Son, Philadelphia; one for Darlington, Runk & Co., and several for parties in Baltimore, besides a larger number of smaller elevators for all classes of work.

George Griffith, manufacturer of shovels and coal hods, has recently purchased a lot, 277 x 114 feet, at the northeast corner of Eighth and Jackson streets, Philadelphia, and on a portion of it is now having erected a four-story brick factory building, 114 feet on Eighth street by 142 feet on Jackson street. On other portions of the lot will shortly be erected a galvanizing and heavy forging building, a stable and several dwelling houses.

Within the radius of a couple of squares in West Philadelphia nearly 1300 men are working from dawn to dusk, and some of them all night, on rolling stock for American and European use. At Allison's 1000 men are putting their energies into house, coal, gondola, flat box, dump and other kinds of freight cars, and so great is the demand that, with the orders now on hand, the large force could be kept fully employed until November next. Many of the cars now in course of construction are destined for the Texas Pacific Railroad, while others are going to New York, New England, out West and in fact, all over the country. At Messrs. J. G. Brill & Co.'s great difficulty is found in keeping pace with the demand. In the shops are narrow-gauge cars for roads in Ohio and Missouri and several for the Connotton (Ill.) Valley Railroad. The first order for street cars ever received from Spain was shipped a few days ago, and at the same time a consignment was forwarded to Germany. The stir in Mexican railroads has resulted in some orders for open excursion cars, and Brazil has taken a fancy to the United States pattern of mail cars. Several of the latter have also been sent to Central America. A number of cars went recently to a New York railroad which has never previously placed its orders outside of that State. Ten caboose cars for the Texas Pacific Railroad, the balance of an order of 20, are approaching completion; 15 summer cars for the Market Street Railway are ready to leave the shops, and a number of one-horse cars for the reorganized West End road are being fast put together, and some double-decked cars for the steam beach roads, at Cape May, will be ready in time for the seaside season. These are the first double-decked cars ever built for use in this country, although they have long been on foreign roads. As in the case of the freight-car trade, the orders already placed for steam and street railway traffic will keep the force employed until autumn.

The Tyson Engine Company, Philadelphia, have stopped selling the "Vase" engines, and now intend manufacturing a remodeled style in order to incorporate certain improvements, which, they believe, will make the engine more desirable without any change in their non-explosive system of steam generation. It will have a governor and an arrangement which (being attached by a cord to the treadle wheel of an ordinary sewing machine) is said to give the operator entire control of the starting, stopping and speed of the engine, by the pressure of the feet upon the treadle. It will have the advantage of more power, where more fuel is used, and run as economically as the "Vase" engine, where less power is required. Gas, kerosene or gasoline (naphtha) may be used as fuel. The new engine will be ready for the market about July 1.

The foundation under a Lewis Kirk hammer in the steam forge of the Reading Railroad Company, Binghamton street, between Seventh and Eighth, Reading, is being removed. The foundation, which consists of timbers about a foot square, cribbed and extending into the ground some 10 feet, was laid 35 years ago. While the upper timbers were rotting away, the lower ones are apparently as solid as the day they were placed in. A foundation of stone, with only one set of timbers, will now be laid.

Grander, Rogers & Co., proprietors of the first flat foundry at Royersford, are making arrangements to have a brick foundry built, 75 x 100 feet, on the vacant tract of three acres adjoining their present foundry. The foundry they are now occupying will be converted into a warehouse for the storing of stoves.

The E. & G. Brooke Iron Company are erecting at the mill works a drying house, 94 x 30 feet, in which to keep staves and other materials used in the manufacture of nail kegs, in order that they may become thoroughly seasoned before being used. Davis Reed designed and has charge of its erection.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The following is a summary of the business of Pittsburgh last week: Iron production, 7500 tons; pig iron, 8000 tons; Bessemer steel, 4000 tons; open-hearth

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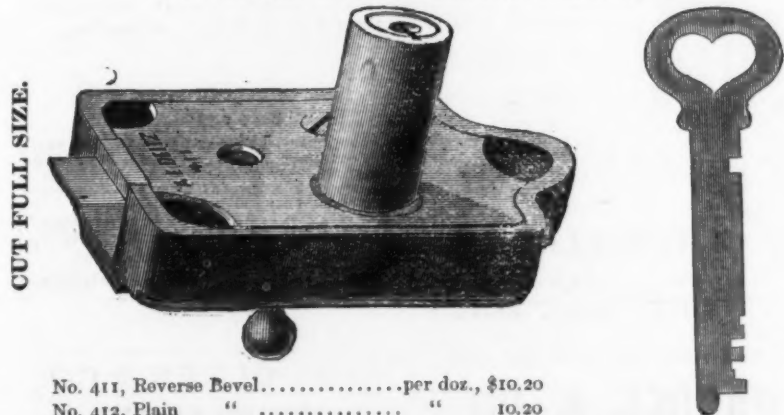
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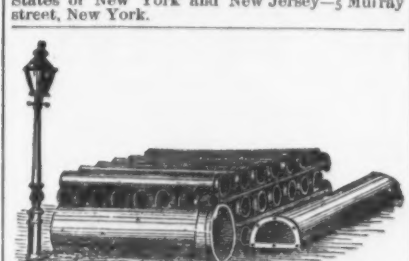
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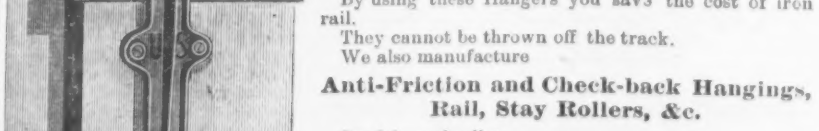
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furnaces and start the works at once. The company now have their muck mill and six double furnaces in operation at Hazelton, and their foundations in and work commenced on additional furnaces. They will move their 10-inch mill this week, and immediately after their bar, guide and sheet mills.

Cox & Prentiss, manufacturers of machinists' tools, Cleveland, employ 35 hands and report trade good. They have just finished a milling machine for shipment to England, the weight of which is 32,000 pounds. They have orders ahead which will run their establishment to August next.

Messrs. Emerson, Smith & Co., saw makers, Beaver Falls, are putting in a new 130-horse-power engine, made for them by the Buckeye Engine Co., of Salem.

At Brown, Bonnell & Co.'s, Youngstown, what is known as the Compromise Mill is shut down, owing to the orders being light. The balance of their works, including the Phoenix and Falcon furnaces, are working.

Webster, Camp & Lane Machine Co., Akron, are making rapid progress with the extensive addition to their works.

The Boyer Elevator Company, 51 Center street, Cleveland, which consists of W. F. Boyer and F. A. Edmunds, are running full time, with abundant orders, in the manufacture of their hydraulic elevators. These elevators are remarkable for easy running.

The Morse Bridge Works, Youngstown, are building a two-story addition for a pattern and templet shop, where the iron will be marked for punching.

Cuyahoga Falls Barbed Fence Company have been awarded the contract of fencing the entire right of way of the Ohio Central Railroad. They have made a contract with the C. & M. V. & C. R. R. for transportation of 45 carloads of wire from Cuyahoga Falls to Conterbury.

The Cleveland Bridge and Car Works have just shipped a second iron 600-foot bridge to Winnipeg, Minn., for the Hudson Bay Company. They have also just finished a bridge for Brazil, S. A., and are turning out ten cars a day for the Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Western Railroad Company.

We hear that Massillon is to have a glass factory. The projectors are reported to be capitalists from Clyde, N. Y.

Howard Furnace, which makes warm blast iron, will blow in about June 1. Dispatches from Steubenville, dated the 20th, state that the Aikanna Rolling Mill, near that place, has been sold to Messrs. Sharp and Daniels, the latter from Ohio. Arrangements have already been made to put the works in operation.

The erection of a new glass factory at Niles will begin at once. This is a new branch of industry in this section, but it promises well.

The question of the removal of the Ward iron establishments from Niles has, we learn, been settled by the decision of the owners to remove to New Philadelphia this summer. Fifteen boiling furnaces at the N. Y. and O. I. and S. Mill, Ironton, are running single turn, filling orders for muck iron.

Olive and Buckhorn furnaces are again in blast, the former making hot and the latter warm-blast iron.

The Miller Company, Canton, manufacturers of the torrent steam pump, are running double turn with 40 men, making eight pumps per day, many of which go to supply the demand of agricultural engine builders throughout the country.

WEST VIRGINIA.
Hobbs, Brunkner & Co. have lit up their large 15-pot glass furnace, and made glass last week from it.

At the Central Glass Works, Wheeling, a new 10-pot furnace is going up and a large addition to the cutting-room is building.

Mr. W. H. Woodward, secretary of the La Belle Iron Works, has been elected president of the company in place of his father, the late S. H. Woodward. Mr. J. H. Woodward was elected secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Atlanta Rolling Mill has failed, throwing out of work 450 operatives, to whom it owes \$8000 aggregate wages for April. The operatives have attached the property, and a bill of sale has been granted by Judge Hillyer, of the Superior Court. The inventory of material and machinery has been taken and the mill is in the hands of a receiver. The cause of the suspension was the inability of the mill to negotiate its bonds in New York since the failure of the Citizens Bank, through which heretofore it has gotten money on its bonds in the metropolis. —*Chattanooga Times.*

H. O. Nelson, proprietor of the Ornamental Iron Works, Knoxville, writes that he is making large shipments of his work to the South. He is now breaking ground for a new shop.

ILLINOIS.
The North Chicago Rolling Mill Company increased its capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 in order to consolidate with it the North Chicago Steel Company, which had a capital of \$2,000,000. The stock was held by both companies, consequently the action taken was a legal formality made necessary by laws regulating corporations.

The two-story brick building Nos. 177 to 199 Mather street, occupied by the American Cutlery Company, was partially destroyed by fire on the morning of the 12th inst. The loss sustained on the stock and machinery was estimated at \$25,000, and on building \$10,000; the whole was insured for \$60,000 in various companies. Contracts have been let for rebuilding and enlarging the works, and the company expect to be in complete running order by June 15.

The Peoria Plating Works (formerly J. S. Dunlap & Bro., now Dunlap & Brown) have just completed arrangements by which they are now prepared to manufacture plated ware on an extensive scale.

J. J. Steiger, of Peoria, manufacturer of every variety of small saws, reports business very good, and is constantly receiving numerous orders from all points. He also makes a specialty of manufacturing sickles and sickle sections, of which he makes every description on the market.

S. B. Hart & Co., Peoria, proprietors of the Union Grain Drill Works, who were recently burned out, have now completed their new works—a new brick structure—

the dimensions of which are 210 x 160 feet, increasing their capacity one-third more than it was, and say they are driven to fill orders for the Union drill. They are employing from 150 to 200 men constantly.

The Danville Foundry and Machine Works are turning out from 3 to 5 tons of castings per day. They will shortly add new machinery to their works, enabling them to manufacture portable steam engines on an extensive scale.

Messrs. H. W. Hill & Co., of Decatur, manufacturers of Hill's champion hog ringer and implements and other agricultural hardware specialties, report business very satisfactory. They estimate, on a basis of 100,000,000 rings sold since manufacturing, they have used 555,500 pounds of wire, measured 3403 miles and filling 27 cars.

The Joliet Wire Company, a new company who have recently started up, are turning out from 5 to 7 tons of wire per day, employing 35 men.

Messrs. H. B. Scott & Co., Joliet, are at present employing 170 men, a portion of which are doing double turn. They are sending out two car loads of fence wire per day, using about 36,000 pounds of wire, also making fence staples at the rate of 50 kegs per day, and are considerably pushed to fill their orders.

Jacob Haish, of Chicago, having paid into court \$16,737.01, in accordance with the requirements of the interlocutory decrees entered April 25, 1881, in the two cases pending against him in the United States Circuit Court of that district, announces that he continues the manufacture of "8" barbed steel fence wire, having thus protected his customers.

Active preparations are being made to establish a glass factory in East St. Louis. We are informed that application has been made to the Secretary of the State for articles of incorporation, and that there is some chance of the site of the works being changed from East St. Louis to Belleville.

Ottawa has raised about \$25,000 of the \$30,000 necessary to establish a flint glass works in that city, and the success of the project is assured.

The Gray Iron Company, Chicago, has increased its capital to \$50,000, and is constructing a large building for foundry and machine shops on land of its own on the corner of Erie and Kingsbury streets.

Several pile drivers with engines are being constructed by the Vulcan Iron Works Co. for the Illinois Central Railroad.

The S. L. Bignall Hardware Co.'s Works, at St. Charles, are now so crowded with business that they are talking of commencing night work.

The Excelsior Iron Works, Chicago, are furnishing a 50-horse-power boiler for Rhoads, Utter & Co., of Rockford; a battery of four boilers 48 inches diameter, 27 feet long, and a horizontal engine for the Union Pacific Railroad, and are in receipt of a second order this spring for an 80-horse-power boiler from the Republic Iron Company, of Marquette, Mich.

The Chicago Steel Works have just received an order from a Moline firm for 10,000 of their patent plow beams.

Taft, Davidson & Co.'s Malleable and Gray Iron Works, at South Elgin, have, since the floods which carried away the mill dams, been fitted up to run by steam, as also have the South Elgin Fork Works.

INDIANA.

The Milburn Tubular Axle Works, at South Bend, were partially destroyed by fire last week. The damage is estimated at about \$2500 on the building. The stock and machinery were only water damaged and the whole is fully covered by insurance. The works are owned principally by George Milburn and his son Charles Milburn.

The fourth building of the Indianapolis Car Works is going up. The ground, perfectly bare three weeks ago, is now covered with 600 feet of buildings 150 feet deep and two more, 550 by 60, are to come.

Messrs. Wm. Douglas & Son, of Lafayette, manufacturers of wood pumps, are very busy at present, having as many orders as they can conveniently fill; they employ constantly 30 hands and have a capacity for turning out nearly 200 pumps per day.

Messrs. Harding, Barbee & Co., of Lafayette, manufacturers of wrought iron fencing, &c., say they are pushed to their utmost capacity at present; they will shortly increase their facilities, and will begin to manufacture and put on the market, the Harding Flexible Emery Wheel, having many advantages over most wheels in its construction.

B. F. Biggs, proprietor of the Lafayette Pump Works, reports that he is driven to fill orders, and estimates sales to reach 2000 for this year; is employing from 25 to 30 men constantly, and has a capacity for turning out 140 finished pumps a day.

MISSOURI.

The works of the Missouri Car and Foundry Company, also nearly all the other industrial establishments in St. Louis that were flooded by the recent rise in the river, have been relieved of the water, mud and filth that had deluged them, and have resumed their usual busy appearance.

The new repair shops of the Pullman Car Company, now being built in St. Louis, near the Union Depot, will be the means of 200 or more workmen being employed there. These shops are to be used exclusively for repairing coaches belonging to the Pullman Company in use in that section of country and west of the Mississippi River, such repairs having heretofore been done at the company's shops at Detroit and other places.

Before the Laclede Rolling Mills start up again the old gear connections to the trains of rolls will be removed and independent power supplied to each by different engines.

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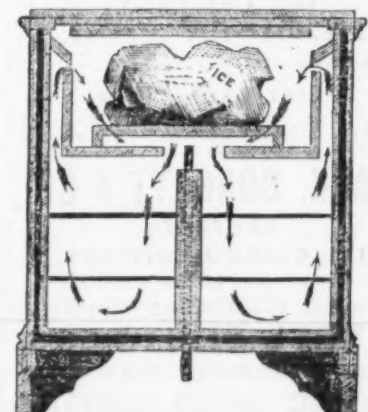
Mr. H. C. Wagg is now the manager of the Champion Furnace at Menominee, Mr. Clark having resigned and gone to Thunder Bay, on the north shore, to open up some iron property. Mr. Wagg informs us that the furnace is running under check at the present time, owing to a scarcity of coal, and consequently is only turning out about 35 tons of pig iron daily, but he hopes to have it running in full blast in June. He is now having a set of coal kilns constructed at Section 12 on line of railroad; another at section

25, and will put another set at Bark River, or near there.—*Iron Post.*

The Peninsular Car Works are to be removed entire from Detroit to Adrian.

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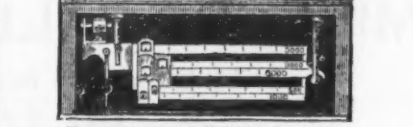
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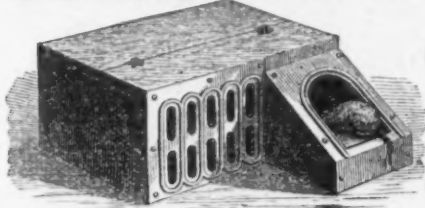
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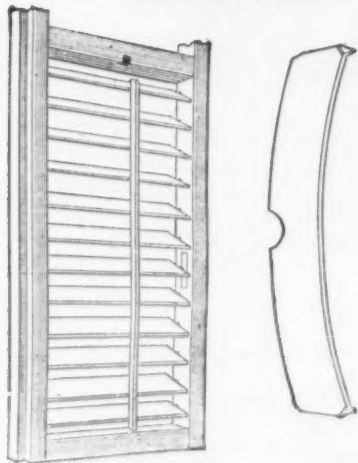
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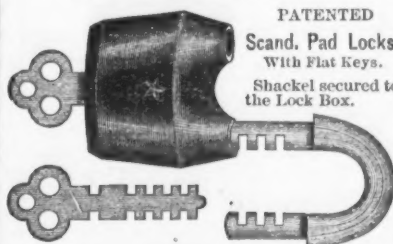
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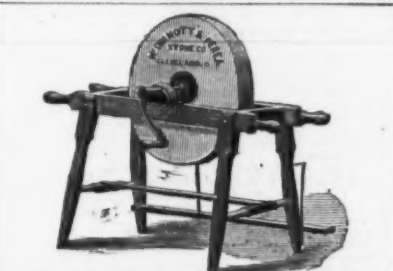
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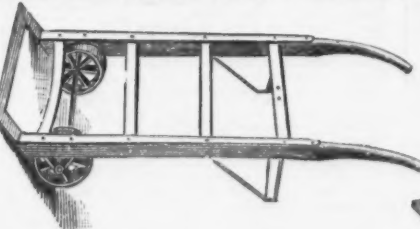
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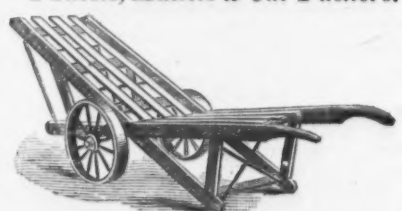
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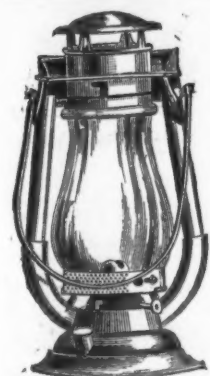
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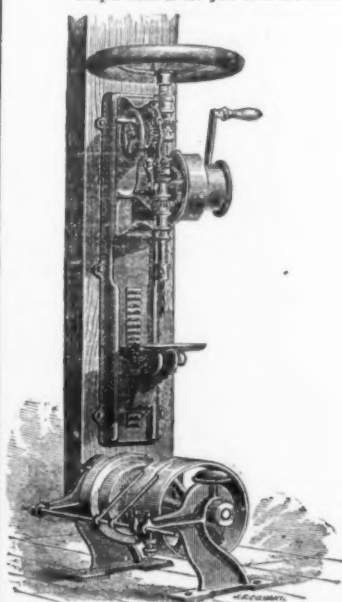
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At a session of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Michigan, held at Detroit, &c., on Wednesday, the 8th day of December, 1880. Present, Hon. H. B. Brown, District Judge.

NELSON LYON vs. **GUYTON T. FISHER, et al.**

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the act entitled "An act for the relief of Nelson Lyon and Jeremiah S. James," passed by Congress and approved April 1, 1880, &c., is a good, valid and constitutional act.

That the original patent, bearing date July 9, 1872, and numbered 128,441, granted and issued to Joseph Barsaloux, Jeremiah S. James and Nelson Lyon, when corrected by the Acting Commissioner of Patents, as directed by said act, was a good and valid patent.

That the said Joseph Barsaloux was the original and first inventor of the improvements in metallic stiffeners for boots and shoe heels mentioned and described in said letters patent.

That the said Nelson Lyon for an improvement in metallic heel stiffeners for boots and shoes, originally patented as aforesaid, is a good and valid patent; that said Lyon is exclusively possessed of said Letters Patent and the invention thereby secured.

That the defendants, G. T. Fisher & Co., and each of them, have infringed upon the said patents and upon the exclusive rights of said Lyon under the same.

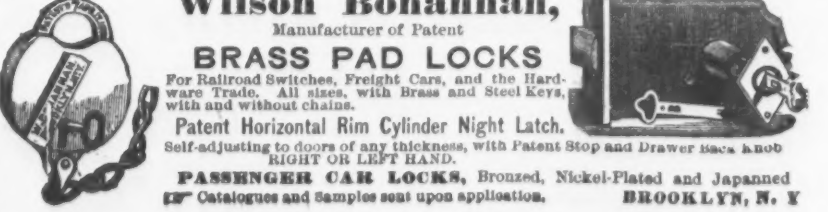
That said Lyon receive of said defendants all the profits, &c., they have made, and in addition thereto all the damage he has suffered by reason of the infringement by the defendants, and also the costs, charges and disbursements in the action.

It is also further ordered, adjudged and decreed, that a perpetual injunction be issued against said defendants, according to the prayer of the said complainant's bill.

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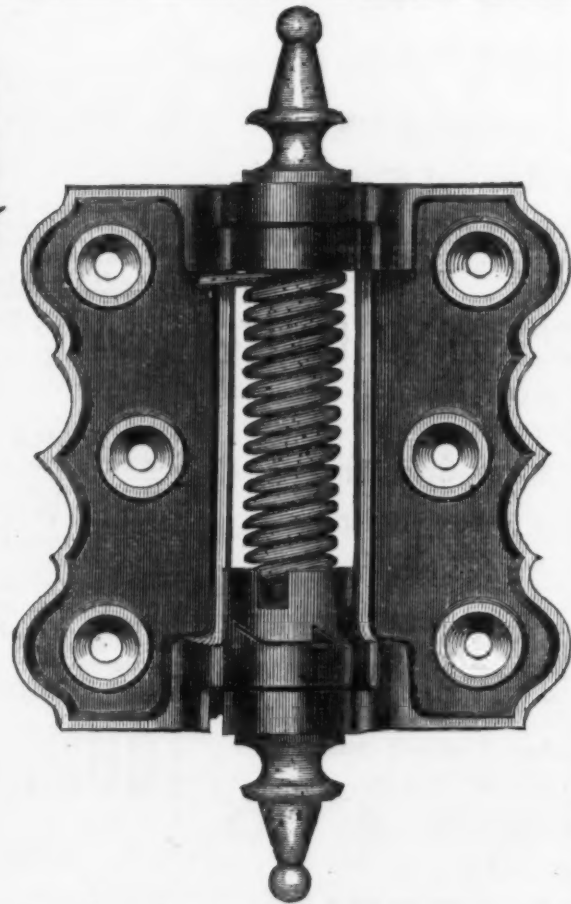
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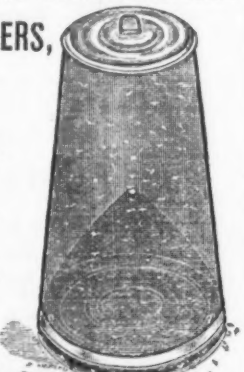
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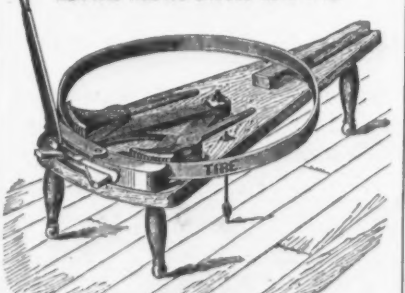
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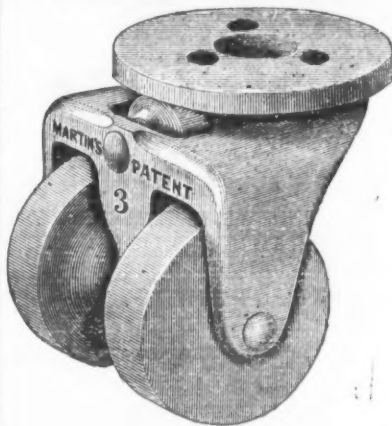
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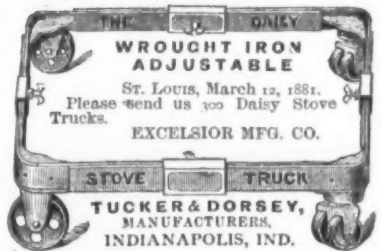
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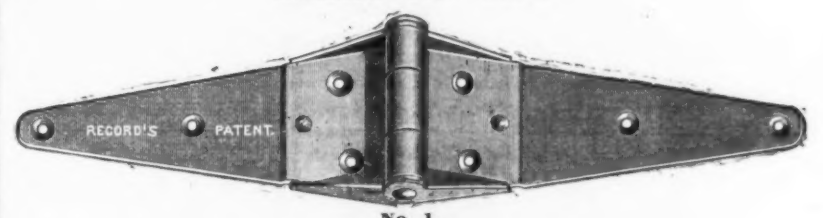


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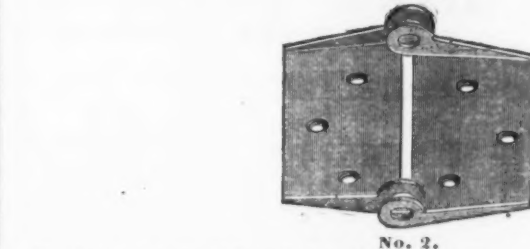


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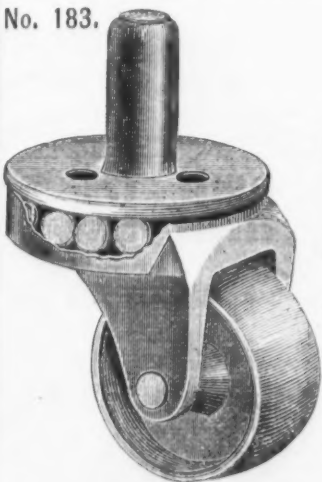
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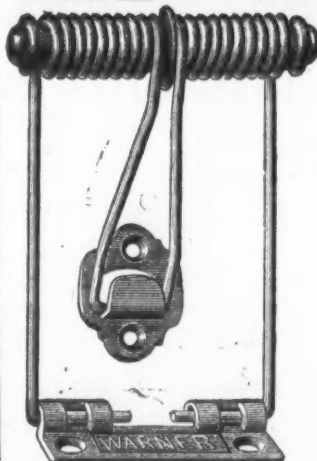
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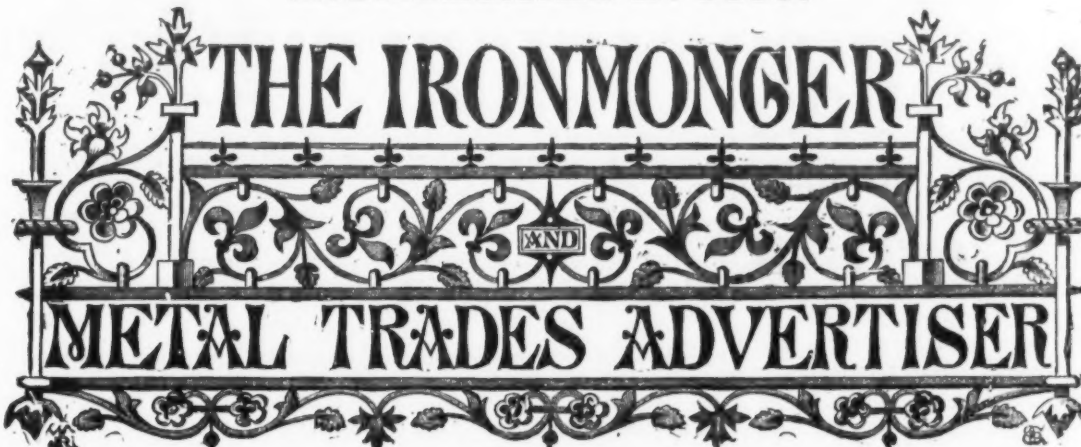
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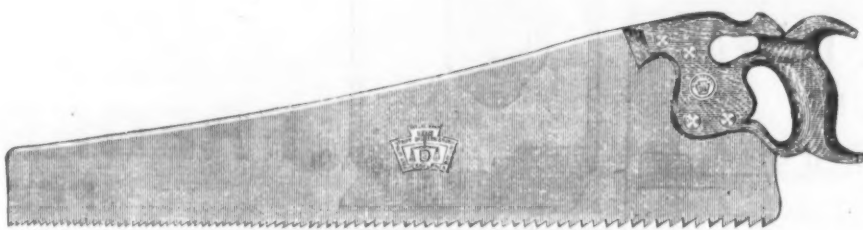
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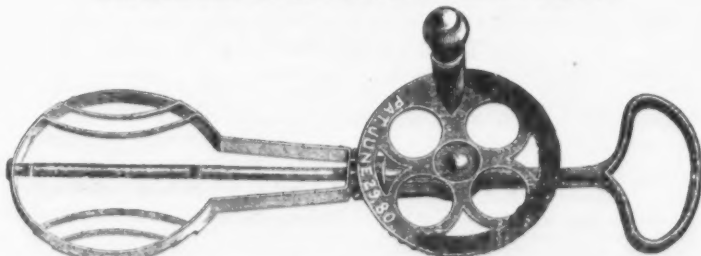
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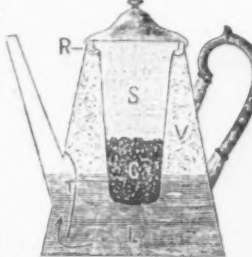


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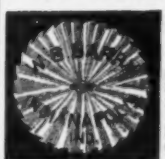
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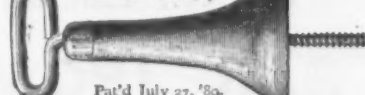
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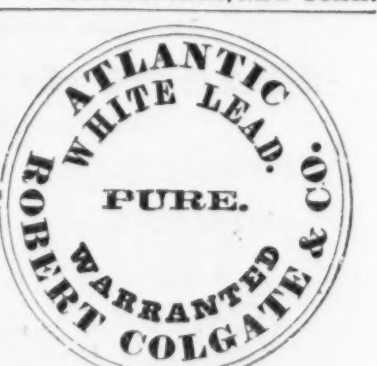


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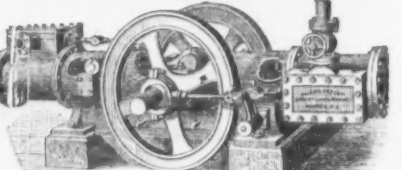
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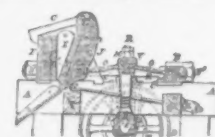
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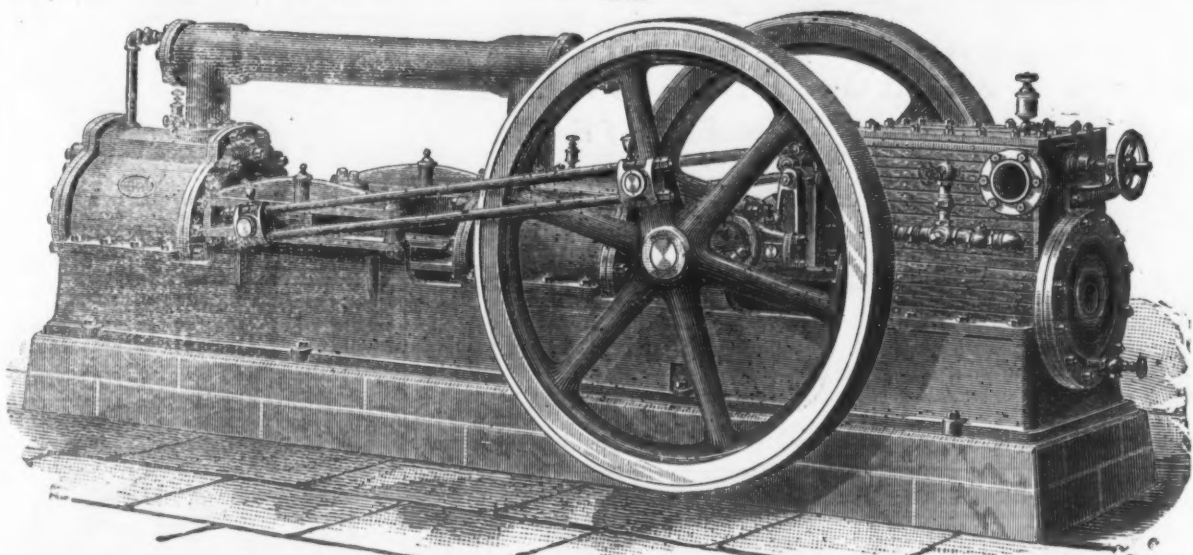
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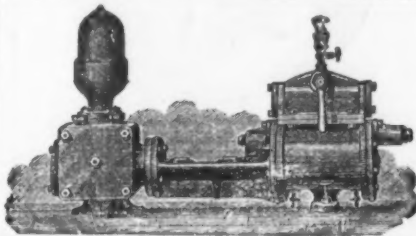
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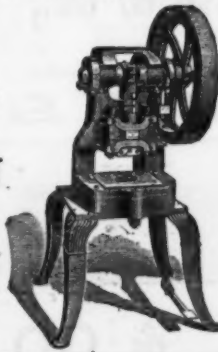
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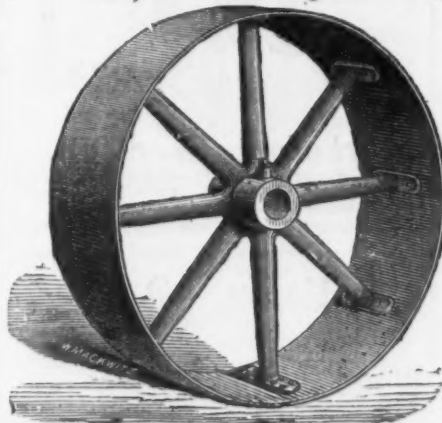
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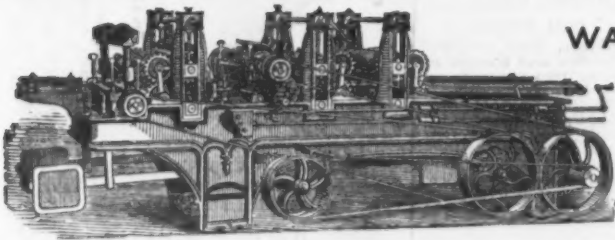
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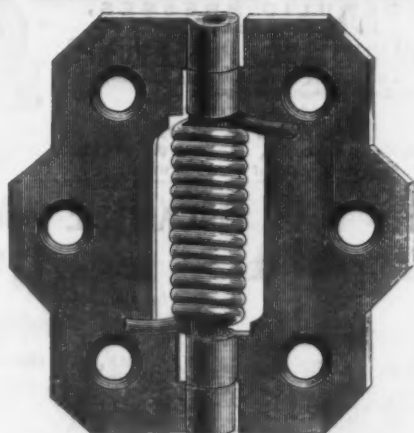
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